



# October

Waite Park  
Community School  
Room 104

October 2017

## Ms. Monson's Classroom Newsletter

### Reading

We've completed our first reading unit, Government, which integrates with our Social Studies Civics Unit.



We've begun our second Unit, Characters Facing Challenges.



Your student is developing habits for reading, as we annotate in these new books. Not only are we reading a variety of texts, we are also thinking deeply and asking questions along the way.

We are learning how to take care of books, choose books, and build reading stamina in our reader's workshop. We are learning to work independently and with others as we create our Room 104 community of readers.

### Writing

In writer's workshop we are learning rituals and routines, building writing stamina, and writing about personal life experiences. Skills in oral and written language are developed as your student becomes an author who composes and conveys messages. Our most recent project has been "small moments" stories, or our own personal narratives. We have been very successful with these journal entries. We continue writing daily.

### Math

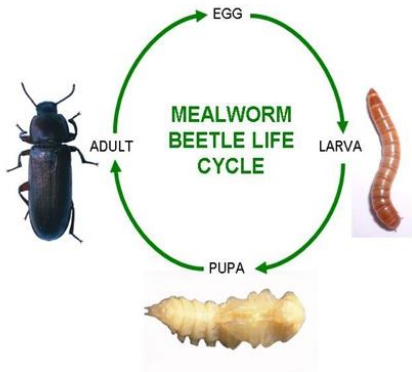
We are solving basic facts to 20 with counting strategies. We represent numbers to 100 as groups of tens and ones in multiple ways. We also solve addition and subtraction problems (using multiple strategies) by composing and decomposing numbers and jumping in groups of tens. We are reviewing skip counting and building upon their knowledge of repeating patterns.

### Social Studies

In our first unit, Civic Skills, we are discussing rules and laws and differentiating between rights and responsibilities. This unit integrates with our reading unit about government.

## Science

During our Life Cycles unit, we have been studying mealworms and will study waxworms. After the insect has been introduced, your student has observed structures and behaviors, discussed findings, and asked questions. Like good scientists, we write and sketch our observations. We have observed the life cycles of these insects.



## Reminders

Send in coins for Waite Park! We have been collecting money each day as our contribution to the many special programs of our school.



Thanks for all of the supplies you have sent to school with your child!

## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Specialist Schedule

2:30-3:25

**Monday**

Media with Ms. McEathron

**Tuesday**

Art with Ms. Hubert

**Wednesday**

P.E. with Ms. Tollefson

**Thursday**

Media with Ms. McEathron

**Friday**

Music with Mr. Thomas

## Upcoming Events

**Classroom Guest Teacher – 6 sessions!**  
**Simply Good Eating, U of M Extension**  
**CNE Educator: Roger Dahmen**

Wednesdays – 11:00

**Fall Conferences**

Thursday, October 12

Tuesday, October 17

Wednesday, October 18

**Thank you!**