



Waite Park
Community School
Room 116
October 2018

Ms. Monson's Classroom Newsletter

Reading

In Unit Two, "Characters' Actions and Reactions," we read and compare characters in fables, fairy tales, and fantasies and analyze their actions and reactions. How do we reveal ourselves to others? This essential question is important as we delve deeply into these stories.



Writing

We have been writing daily since school started. The clarity and details in our writing has really improved with every writing session. We work hard to incorporate new vocabulary, and write about a variety of narratives. Even if our topic is similar, we write from a new point of view, or tell a different piece of the experience. We've continued to hone our personal narratives, asking questions as we write. We reread our pieces at least three times, discover things to adjust, corrections to make, rewording a sentence, and find other ways to edit. Illustrations accompany our entries, making sense with what we write. We incorporate writing in guided reading groups, annotation books, and science response writing.

Math

In math, we continue to focus on place value and multiplication. It is crucial to memorize basic math facts as we are solving two and three digit addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Thinking about the "action" of math story problems helps us to know when to choose adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing to solve the question.

Science

We have been exploring "Energy & Electromagnetism" in rotating groups. We have been experimenting with a variety of materials, making scientific discoveries, and working together as we carefully observe.



Reminder

Homework goes home on Mondays,
due the following Monday.

Conferences are Thursday, Oct. 11, Tuesday, Oct. 16, and
Wednesday, Oct. 17.

Quarter 1 Schedule 9:10-10:05

Monday: Music with Mr. Thomas

Tuesday: Art with Ms. Hubert

Wednesday: Media/Tech
with Ms. McEathron

Thursday: P .E. with Ms. Tollefson

Friday: Music with Mr. Thomas