

October Newsletter

Mrs. Mustafa

Our Reading and Writing Program follows the Model Curriculum Units of the Worcester Public Schools. The workshop model for grade 1 consists of:

- ✦ Mini-lesson: The teacher demonstrates a Reading/Writing skill or strategy to the students.
- ✦ Independent Work Time: The children go off and independently read or write practicing the skill or strategy presented in the lesson.
- ✦ During this time, the teacher will be conferring with individual students or working on guided reading with small groups.
- ✦ Share: The children are called back together on the rug to share their successes or questions they have with the skill or strategy.



Homework Policy

Homework is a great way to reinforce skills as well as keep you updated with what we are learning in class. Homework will be sent home Monday and collected on Friday. Along with the homework it is crucial that your student is also practicing reading skills by going on Raz-kids.com daily and accessing the interactive books. These e-books are identical to the books we are using for guided reading. The daily reading practice will greatly enhance your child's fluency, comprehension and vocabulary.

READ

Reading every night is so important. Although it is essential to encourage and support your child's effort to learn English, books in your native language are very beneficial and we encourage parents not to shy away from reading them with their children just because they're not in English. Research has shown that children who are read to in their home language have less difficulty learning a second language.

READING TIPS

1. Take a picture walk through the book. Try to predict what the story is about.
2. Ask who, when, where and what questions about the story.
3. Review vocabulary and sight words within the story.
4. Summarize the story. Discuss what they liked or disliked about the book.

Dates to Remember

- Mixed Bag fundraiser ends October 31.
- October 11. Grade 1 trip to the Apple Orchard.
- Scholastic Book Fair October 25.

Teacher Wish List

Clorox Wipes

Hand Sanitizer

Paper Towels

Tissues

Glue Sticks

Erasers



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