



Room 9 Weekly Newsletter

Week of November 6 - 10, 2017

Reading

This week's reading lessons focused on:

- tackling "tricky words" when we read using strategies we already know and a lot of persistence! We're learning that "when the going gets tough, the tough get going" and "we roll up our sleeves and get to work!"
- using "word attack" strategies to figure out covered up words in various texts, including poems
- identifying CHARACTER TRAITS of monsters by using clues in brief paragraphs about them 😊

Math

This week's math lessons included:

- introducing our new GEOMETRY unit
- reviewing the names of basic shapes: TRIANGLES, QUADRILATERALS (square, rectangle, rhombus, trapezoid, parallelogram), PENTAGONS, HEXAGONS
- learning how the number of SIDES should match the number of VERTICES (angles)
- learning that a POLYGON is a shape with straight lines that connect (We even have a "Polygon Song" to help us remember this and shape names!)
- learning to DRAW polygons

Writing

We have continued to finish up, revise, edit, and rewrite a second personal narrative which we will be sharing with our families in a writing celebration before Thanksgiving! 😊 We had a mini celebration to share our first published pieces in the classroom on Friday!

We also wrote our own "Monster Traits" paragraphs. Be sure to check them out when you're next in the building!

Our spelling and phonics lessons have focused on distinguishing between LONG and SHORT vowels.

Science / Social Studies

We have begun our study of COMMUNITIES (a place where people live, work, and play together) and how they vary from each other. We had fun looking at houses around the world and discussing how the ENVIRONMENT affects the kind of houses built in certain areas.

We also learned about VETERANS as we prepare to honor them on Veterans Day.

Announcements

- ** November 17th - Family Fitness Walk (8:00 am) and All School Assembly (9:00 am).
- ** NO SCHOOL on November 22, 23, and 24 for Thanksgiving Recess.
- ** Parent-Teacher Conferences are on Thursday, December 7th (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS) and Thursday, December 14th (HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS). Reminders with your date and time will be sent home soon!