



## Room 9 Weekly Newsletter

### Week of September 18-22, 2017

#### Reading

- Our Reading lessons have focused on:
- making **MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS** that help us understand the books we are reading and listening to
  - choosing just right books that match our interests
  - learning from nonfiction texts (specifically, books about weather!)
  - building **STAMINA** (focused reading for longer and longer periods of time)

#### Math

- Our Math lessons have focused on:
- the **COUNTING ON** strategy for addition
  - **TURN AROUND FACTS**
  - Doubles and Doubles +1 Facts
  - building **STAMINA** and **PERSISTENCE** with challenging tasks
  - building fluency with basic facts through games like Rock, Paper, Scissors, Math!
  - becoming flexible thinkers about numbers through our number talks

#### Writing

- Our Writing lessons have focused on:
- how to **REVISE** our writing and **ADD MORE** by using **CARATS** and **FLAPS**
  - how to **REHEARSE** our stories **BEFORE** we write (tell it across our fingers, sketch it out over 3 pages, talk it out with a friend)
  - how to write an introduction that **GRABS THE READER'S ATTENTION** via dialogue, sounds, setting description, or questions at the start of a writing piece

- This week's spelling lessons focused on:
- reviewing short vowels and consonant **BLENDS** (st, gr, cl, nk, lk, lp, etc.)

#### Science / Social Studies

- Our Science lessons have focused on:
- learning how all plants are **SIMILAR** and how they can be different
  - sharing what we already know and what we want to learn about plants
  - learning about **WEATHER**

On Wednesday morning, Mrs. Wheeler came to share a wonderful story called We're All Wonders to help us notice and celebrate our differences! It's a wonderful picture book based on a chapter book written for older children.

#### Announcements

\*\* Thank you to everyone who was able to come on Curriculum Night! It was wonderful to see so many of you! We had conference sign-ups so if you were unable to attend, you'll hear from me soon regarding available times. ☺

\*\* Our first Family Fitness Walk is on **FRIDAY** at 8 a.m. followed by our first All School Assembly at 9 a.m. Hope you can join us for a little exercise and fun! ☺