

# Puckey's Press

## Our Classroom Newsletter

November 20, 2015

### Upcoming Events

- November 23 ~ Early Dismissal at 12:15  
Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00-8:00 pm
- November 24 ~ Early Dismissal at 12:15  
Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00-3:15 pm
- November 25 ~ Early Dismissal at 12:15
- November 26, 27, 30 ~ NO SCHOOL
- December 1 ~ School is in-session
- December 11 - Report Cards come home
- December 23 - Early Dismissal at 12:15
- December 24 - January 1 - NO SCHOOL for Winter Break
- January 4 - School is in-session

### What We're Learning:

- **Reading/Language Arts** - We have continued working on our sight words, decomposing words to hear sounds, tapping the sounds out, and recording what we hear. We have also been working on comparing and contrasting story elements, question sentences and exclamation sentences, contractions, and digraphs (th, sh, ch, wh, ck).
- **Writing** - We have begun working on informational stories (teaching stories). We have been writing facts about topics we feel we are experts on (like sports, animals, making things, etc). We have been practicing putting steps in order and adding little details so that we know can teach someone EXACTLY how to do it.
- **Math** - We have been working on our addition and subtraction skills, solving simple number stories, and solving problems with missing numbers. We have come to the end of Unit 2 and have completed our Unit 2 assessment.
- **Science** - We have just finished our unit on Technology and Engineers. We have discussed **natural materials** (things found in nature such as wood, cotton, metal) and **human made materials** (such as plastic and nylon).
- **Social Studies** - We are discussing the First Thanksgiving. We are discussing the pilgrims and why they came to America, the Wampanoag Native Americans, and are comparing and contrasting the foods served at the first thanksgiving with foods that we eat at ours.

### Notes from the Teacher

- **Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held NEXT WEEK on November 23 from 1:00-8:00 pm and November 24 from 1:00-3:15 pm.** A confirmation of your conference was sent home with your child on bright green paper last week. If you have lost this paper and forgotten your conference time, please call the office or notify me as soon as possible. I look forward to meeting with you and discussing your child's progress!
  - **Homework for the holidays:**
    - There will be **NO** language arts packet this weekend and into next week (the week of Thanksgiving).
    - I will send a language arts packet home before Thanksgiving break that will be due on Friday, December 4. Your child can complete it while they are off school so they have something to work on or you can take a break and have them complete the packet once we are back in school.
    - Language arts packets **will continue** through December 18. That will be the due date for the last packet this year. Language arts packets will resume again on Friday, January 8, 2016.
    - There **will be** math homework next week on Monday and Tuesday. There will be Math homework on the Tuesday we come back from break (December 1). There will be no homework the rest of that week as we will be assessing Unit 3.
    - Math homework **will continue** nightly (except Fridays) through December. There will be **NO** math homework over break. Math homework will resume when we come back to school on January 4.
- \*\* Students are encouraged to continue reading daily and working on iStation at home through the holiday breaks!! I am working on setting up EveryDay Math access for students to have extra practice on over the holiday breaks, too. More info coming soon!*

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