



The Fogg Focus



Reading Workshop...

This week we are focusing on establishing procedures and expectations for our Reader's Workshop. This is an important step we must master because we will be implementing Reader's Workshop daily all year long. We focused on I PICK.

I =I look at the book.

P=purpose: why do you want to read this book.

I=interest:is the book about a topic I am intested in?

C=comprehend:do I understand what I am reading?

K=know the words: Can I read most of the words?

As a class, we discovered that I PICK are books that we are able to decode (sound out), but are also books that we are able to comprehend and read fluently.

Please take time to ask your child about the I PICK dance we are learning in class. Also, ask your child these questions when picking a "just right" book to read:

1. Is this a book of interest?
2. Does this book pass the 5 finger rule?
3. Am I able to comprehend the previewed text?

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Mark Your Calendars:

- Bring \$2.50 for your child's agenda. Please review and sign every day. This needs to be returned daily.
- Second Grade Science Night...
Thursday, October 1
(more information coming soon)
- Picture Day...September 30
- Woodbridge 2nd Graders go to Artprize....September 24th

Homework Packet Change

Our first homework packet for the year will be coming home next week **Monday**. Our team of second grade teachers are all working together to create one packet for all second graders. The packet will consist of a math worksheet that reviews what we are doing in class. There will eventually be additional reading work that will be included. Hopefully, five days will help getting homework completed for those with busy schedules.

To eliminate frustration, I suggest that they break up their homework so they don't have to spend one night doing all of it. Just Right Book has not started, however, I would like each child to be reading **10** minutes or more a night. Thank you so much for taking time to work with your child.



We have an awesome opportunity to go on a field trip to downtown Grand Rapids to ArtPrize on Thursday, September 24. We will be leaving around 9:00 in the morning and returning to school by 2:15. We will be walking around viewing a variety of different venues. At 10:15-11:00 we are going to St. Celica for a musical performance. Following the performance, we will have lunch and then continue our walk from Rosa Park Circle to the B.O.B. and then over to the Gerald R. Ford Museum. We will board the bus at 2:15 at the GRF. Look for more information to come home in an independent note.

Thank you to all the volunteers who are making this possible.

We couldn't go without you!

In Math...

We are working our way through Unit 1. We have been working on seeing teen numbers as 1 ten and some ones, which is crucial for understanding math concepts in upcoming units. Children will practice this throughout the remaining fifteen units. By the end of the unit, most children should quickly be able to articulate the meaning of all teen numbers as 1 ten and some ones.

Students have been working on writing equations in different ways. For example, $10 + 6 = 16$

is the same as $6 + 10 = 16$.

Thank You!

I would like to thank all of you for supplying your child with all the necessary items for them to be successful learners. They are enjoying all their new supplies! We are also looking for a couple of other items as well. If you are willing and able to donate the following, we would really appreciate it:

Ink stamp pads (any color), Kleenex, paper plates, sandwich baggies, and candy.

THANKS A BUNCH!

Social Studies

This week we will begin our Zeeland history unit. We will learn about Zeeland's past, including how the Dutch arrived and what they did upon their arrival.



Writing & Science Night

In writing, we are working on "Launching the Writers' Workshop" through Small Moments. We are collecting story ideas which we call seed ideas. Seed ideas are just small snips of time in your child's daily life.. We use a watermelon as an example of this. We don't want to write about the whole story (watermelon), but just a small experience (seed of watermelon).

Second Grade Family Science Night

We are excited to partner up with Grand Valley State University students for an exciting night of science fun!

Prior to this event we will be providing your family with dinner! We are looking forward to an evening of fellowship and hands-on learning centers for all to explore.

Mark Your Calendars....

Grandparent's Day....is going to be on Monday, October 19. More information will be coming soon.

