

HAPPY FALL



Dear Parents,

At the beginning of the week we had a class meeting and talked about the death of our schoolmate in first grade. The discussion centered around the facts of his passing, that the child was born with a very rare heart condition. We discussed what to do if we hear other students telling stories that are untrue about the child's death. They asked some very good questions and handled it very well. We have had mental health specialists on campus for any student that needed help in processing this tragic event.

We finished Module 2 in math and took the math assessment. The test is always read out loud so students understand the directions. We are moving into Module 3 which deals with place value next week. Next week lessons will be lessons 2-5 in Module 3.

Every year kindergarten, 2nd and 5th grade students have their hearing tested by the district. Our class had the hearing van test on Tuesday. They all thought it was fun!

We set up our Writer's Workshop notebook and did have time to start the beginnings of personal narratives. The goal for students is to write a personal narrative focusing on one small "seed" moment adding descriptive details, good leads and strong conclusions. We will get there!!

Flex reading will begin on Monday. I am excited for the students to experience this and for them to grow in these groups! Spelling will be done in their flex groups in order for them to have what they specifically need to become better spellers and writers.

This week we had an astronaut, Steve Smith, on campus for an assembly. He showed the students some amazing photos and talked about what it was like to be in space and what they can see when they are up there. He talked

about his dream to be an astronaut and how he wasn't chosen the first, second or third time after applying. He told the students that if he had given up, he wouldn't have ever been an astronaut, so it is important to persevere! Next week we have our Be Seen and Heard assembly. This will be done in our own classroom as a virtual assembly. It is an important and well done assembly.

Thank you for your support,

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