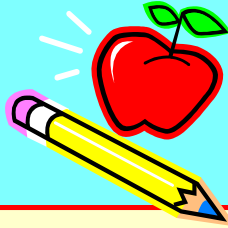




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KINDERGARTEN "KORNER"

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Teacher's College Reading Workshop:

Unit of Study: We are Brave with Tricky Words

- Good readers figure out tricky words by looking at the pictures as well as the first letters and last letter in a word.
- Good readers figure out tricky words by going back, rereading, and trying again.
- Good readers figure out words by thinking about what is happening in the story.
- Good readers figure out tricky words by looking for smaller words within bigger words.

A way to help your child:

- Read to your child every day. Model good reading behaviors by sounding out difficult words and going back to reread the sentence smoothly.
- Practice making predictions about the story before and during reading. This is a good way to check for understanding.

Teacher's College Writing Workshop:

Unit of Study: Unit of Study: All About Books

- Writers think about things that are important to them and list what they know a lot about
- Writers will write important facts about their topic that they feel readers should learn about
- Writers will include labeled diagrams to help the reader learn about their topic.

A way to help your child: Read non-fiction books with your child and help them recognize and discuss the features. (For example: table of contents, glossary, captions and diagrams.)

Foundations (Word Work): letters and sounds; sight words. (continued)

Unit of Study: Blending words with three sounds

- "tapping out" CVC words
- Sentence structure
- Silent "e" words (made, make)
- Decoding strategies

A way to help your child: Practice saying three sounds and have your child listen carefully to guess the word. For example, say the sounds c-a-t. This activity will help in developing blending skills.

Go Math:

Unit of Study: Identify and Describe Three-Dimensional Shapes

- Identify and name spheres, cone, cube, and cylinder.
- Describe the attributes of 3D shapes.

A way to help your child: Go on a shape hunt around your home and neighborhood. Have your child draw pictures of the shapes they see.

Sanford Harmony (Social Emotional):

Continue to work with social emotional awareness, cultivating strong relationships, self-awareness, self-management, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. We have weekly class discussions on various topic questions, buddy work and lessons.

Ways to help your child:

www.sanfordharmony.org

www.conversationstarters.com/kids

Science

Unit of Study: Life Cycle of plants and butterflies

- What time of year do we plant?
- What do plants need to grow?
- How do the plants grow?
- What kinds of plants are there?
- How do butterflies grow?
- What are the different parts of a butterfly?
- What are the different kinds of butterflies?
- Why are butterflies important to the environment?

A way to help your child:

Plant something in your garden with your child. Keep a journal and observe the changes of the plant and how it grows.

Social Studies: Unit of Study: Families, Change, and Time

- How are families the same and different?
- What makes a family and why are families important?
- How do families share their cultural heritage?
- What are family traditions?

A way to help your child: Discuss your family origins, traditions, and cultural heritage.

Computers - Mr. Caniano



This month, our kindergarten students will begin their unit on Coding. We will be working with Code.org, Course A this month. Some of the concepts presented will include programming, debugging, and sequences. The link to Code.org Course A can be found under Kindergarten class websites. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions involving Code.org.



ART- Ms. Pecoraro

Students will create beautiful flower artworks! Look out for your child/children's awesome Square 1 Art drawing/s....Coming Soon!

Supporting the Arts at Home:

Spring is in the air! Take a trip and go visit a museum or exhibit with your child! Here is a link with great museum resources: <https://www.timeout.com/new-york-kids/museums/nyc-museums-best-exhibits-for-kids>



Physical Education - Mr. Stewart

This May will be our annual Spring Dance Festival. All families are welcome as our students in PK, K, 1st and 2nd grades will be participating in this event. They have been practicing rhythm, coordination, and teamwork to give you a magnificent performance! This years Dance festival will take place in the gym on Friday May 24th 2019. Notes will be going home to detail the different show times for each grade. A note will also be coming home to collect money for the students Dance Festival T-Shirt. The PS 221 community is so excited for this special day of family, friends and tradition! See you there!

MUSIC - MRS. GLEMBOSKI

In Kindergarten Music, we will continue to learn songs that will help your child discover melodic contour, explore tempo, and identify high and low pitches in musical pieces. Kindergarten students will continue rehearsing for our Kindergarten Stepping-Up Ceremony at the end of the year. Encourage your child to share the songs they have been learning in class with you! Please visit our music website at:

<http://mrsqlemboskismusicroom.weebly.com/>

Looking Ahead:

May 7th - “Earth Day, Every Day”

May 15th - P.S. 221’s Science Celebration

May 24th – PS 221 Dance Festival