



Mrs. Kuntz's First Grade Newsletter

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Week 13(2)



This Week's Accomplishments

*Our word of the week was **"Friendship"**
(caring for and trusting others).

"Friends are the sunshine of life."
-- John Hay (1871)

"The best mirror is an old friend."
--George Herbert

"Self-esteem is that deep-down inside the skin feeling you have of your own self-worth."

By Denis Waitely

*In reading, we read the genre: expository nonfiction story: **"Who Works Here?"** and **"Neighborhood Map"**. We learned these reading skills: long 'i', comprehension –author's purpose, diagraphs: 'wh', 'ch', 'tch', high frequency words, long 'a', and c/s and g/j review, research and study skills—maps, and took the OCCT Weekly Selection Test.

*In writing, we wrote our own stories using the spelling words and bonus words. Please practice writing stories using the spelling words at home. Be sure that they have titles for their stories. Please practice writing correctly using the proper spacing between words.

*In math, we learned about the addition strategy of counting on 1, 2, or 3.

*In social studies, we learned about Clara Barton and continued our Thanksgiving Unit.

*In science, we learned about land, water, and air.

Let's Look At Next Week

***Spelling Words:** home, hope, rose, woke, those, bone, hose, joke, rode, stone, there, together

***Bonus Words:** Word family: "ill"
(bill, mill, will, fill, hill, pill, still, chill)

*In reading, we will read from the genre: fiction story: **"The Big Circle"** and **"Class Paper"**

*In social studies, we will learn about farmers and read a biography about George Washington Carver.

*In science, we will learn more about land, water, and air.

*In writing, we will be making up our own stories using the spelling words and bonus words. Please practice writing stories using the spelling words at home. Be sure that they have titles for their stories.

*In math, we will learn about estimate sums, ways to Make 11 and 12, problem Solving-reading for math-find the main idea, problem solving practice, and take the Chapter 9 Review/Test.

*Our work next week will again be **"Friendship"**
(caring for and trusting others).

Reminders

*It is your **child's** responsibility to bring back **all** library books, reading books, backpack and planner **every** day.

*It is **your** responsibility to look at your child's planner every night. Please clean out your child's backpack every evening.

*Please help your child study the spelling words each week so your child will be successful.

*Please make sure your child reads the story selections from the reading book and be ready to read without help on Wednesdays of each week. Your child should read the selection story at least 5 times before Wednesday of each week.

*Please help your child be successful in writing by writing stories with titles using the spelling words for the week. Practice makes perfect.

*Please help your child with correct punctuation and capitalization. Also, help your child with spacing of letters and words and correct formation of letters.

*Please make sure that your child practices the addition/subtraction math facts from 1-20 and learns them by heart without the use of fingers.

Have a safe Thanksgiving Holiday!



* **No School next Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday—November 25, 26, 27. We will return to school on Monday, November 30th**

*Thank you for your support.

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