

Friday, Sept. 13, 2013

Dear Families,

We had another great week! The train has left the station and we are chugging down the track. We have finished our first unit in math and will soon be wrapping up our first unit in reading. We have completed our first MAP test and are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our first butterfly!

Announcements:

Monday:	Green Day:	Computer/REAL
Tuesday:	Purple Day:	Art
Wednesday:	Red Day:	PE/Music
Thursday:	Yellow Day:	Music/Spanish
Friday:	Blue Day:	PE/Spanish

Thursday, Sept. 20: Picture Day!
Spelling Test

Friday, Sept. 21: Weekly Computation and Reading Homework due!

Reading: This week we will be wrapping up our first theme. We will work on the comprehension skills of using text evidence, making inferences, and recall and retell. We will continue to work with the vocabulary strategy of using context clues. Our spelling skill this week is long i spelled *i*, *ie*, *i_e*, *y*, and *igh*. We will continue to study VCV two syllable words.

Math:

Topic 2 focuses on addition fact strategies (adding 0, 1, 2; doubles, near doubles, and make a ten) and the properties of addition (adding in any order—commutative, adding three addends—associative). The practice standard focus is using structure. Encourage your child to talk about what strategies they are using

when they are adding numbers. Block Ten Fact Fluency is focusing on adding and subtracting zero.

Science:

We are focusing on the needs of living things.

Please continue to encourage nightly reading with your child. Be sure to write down the books they read on their monthly reading logs to track them for the yearly Mustang Reading Award. Practicing math facts is also encouraged. There are a few good apps available out there. Let me know if you would like some suggestions.

Have a great week!

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