



Explorer News

This week in Expedition:

Please remember to send your child back to school with his/her family packet. We will be using them in class for fun and exciting projects pertaining to a beautiful story book containing a family tree and the author's autobiography.

In reading we will be learning about making connections with text to help us, as readers, make meaning out of what we read. Additionally, we will work on understanding story parts such as beginning, middle, end. Furthermore, we are going

to work on summarizing what we have read and what we have written.

In writing, we are working on implementing our knowledge of high frequency words, word families and expedition words by spelling them correctly in their writing. Also, we are focusing on the writing trait of voice. We are asking the children to think passionately about their topic allowing their personal voices as a writer to come through their writing loud and clear. Voice makes writing

sparkling, confident and unquestionably individual.

Students will also work on new high frequency words that will be unique to each class. These words are those that your child's teacher has found most misspelled in their writing.

Another exciting thing we are going to work on is reading Patricia Polacco books and understanding how she creates her illustrations. We will try out her style of art to illustrate our family tradition story books.

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Dates and Things to Remember:

- ☺ The book Fair begins November 19th and is a major fund raiser for our school!!!!
- ☺ Monday November 10th is the Veteran's Day assembly from 9:30-10:30.
- ☺ There is no school on Tuesday, November 11th, due to Veteran's Day.

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Math: Please don't forget to check math homework nightly.

First Grade Math:

This week we will work on reading thermometers. Additionally, we will study standard and nonstandard units of measurement.

Second Grade Math-

We will study coin combinations to pay for things. Also, we are going to study two and three digit numbers and understanding place value. Telling time to the half

and quarter hour and being able to read a digital and analogue clock are other topics of the week in math.