

*November 1, 2024*

# The Rocker's Report

Class Newsletter



Fall is here which means that temperatures are always changing, sometimes on a daily (or hourly) basis. Just make sure your child is prepared for any kind of weather.

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## Upcoming Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

Please click on [this link](#) to see the date and time you signed up for your child's conference. I look forward to seeing all of you then. Please see the note below from PTO regarding childcare if it is needed.

## News from the PTO

We are happy to announce that with the help of volunteers we will be providing childcare during parent teacher conferences in the cafeteria at the PC and IC. If you are an ELC parent you are welcome to bring you kiddos to the PC. If you are interested in dropping your child(ren) off, please email us at [mhk5pto@gmail.com](mailto:mhk5pto@gmail.com)

If you are able to volunteer to provide care, please sign up [here](#)!

We are looking for volunteers to help supplement the Milio's subs we are providing staff for dinner during conferences. Please sign up [here](#) to help feed the staff!

We are looking forward to our upcoming Craft Night on **Monday, December 9th** from 5-8 PM at the IC. More information will come soon!

A special thank you to the PTO for providing dinner for all of the teachers on our conference nights.

## Academics:

**Reading/language arts-** Unit 2 is all about animal classification. Both the student reader and read aloud are non-fiction pieces.

One goal we have in this unit is to be able to identify text features in our non-fiction text and to be able to tell how they help us. The text features we are working with are: table of contents, glossary, **bolded words**, photos & captions, maps, diagrams, headings, labels and charts. *Please ask your child to tell you where the table of contents and the glossary can be found in a nonfiction book and how they are used. Table of contents are at the very beginning of the book and help us find chapters quickly. The glossary is at the back of the book. It's like a mini dictionary. These words are the bolded words in our readings.*

We are learning that animals are classified into vertebrates or invertebrates. We are focusing on the vertebrate category. We know there are 5 groups within that category: Amphibians Mammals Birds Fish Reptiles (All My Best Friends Represent Vertebrates)

We also know that vertebrates can be classified into two more categories: warm blooded vertebrates and cold blooded vertebrates.  
**Which one are we?**

Now we are learning the characteristics of each individual vertebrate category. So much science learning is happening.

We had been reviewing nouns, verbs and adjectives. Now we have added subject, predicate, conjunctions and compound sentences to the list. We will be analyzing sentences all year.  
**Ask your child to tell you what the function of a conjunction is and give an example.** *Conjunctions hook up words, phrases and clauses-(Remember the old Schoolhouse Rock videos? They're still a great teaching tool!) We use the acronym FANBOYS to help us remember For And Nor But Or Yet So*

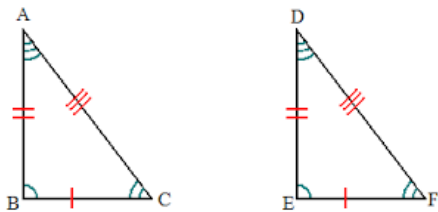
**Spelling-** We are learning rules to help us know what to do before we add -ed and -ing endings. If a word ends with a

silent e, drop the e before you add suffixes that start with vowels, otherwise you keep it. (smiled, smiling, smiley).

**Math-** We are almost halfway through Unit 2 on multiplication. The students are quickly learning that multiplication is just repeated addition and that skip counting can help us. We are working on finding the most efficient ways to solve our multiplication problems.

Any chance you can, while driving down the road, making supper or other down time, quiz your child on basic multiplication facts.

**Number Corner-** To finish out the month of October, we learned what the word congruent means. It means shapes that have the same size sides and same size angles but might be flipped or turned. We found 4 pairs from our month that were congruent.



We finished collecting our liters/milliliters of liquid. We collect a total of 5L or 5,000ml.

### Important Information/Reminders:

- ☐ **Art orders due-** Nov. 11th (see flyers that went home today)
- ☐ **Student/Parent/Teacher conference-** Tuesday, Nov. 12 @ 4-7pm
- ☐ **Student/Parent/Teacher conference-** Thursday, Nov. 14 @ 4-7pm
- ☐ **No School-** November 24 and 25
- ☐ **Thanksgiving-** Nov 26, 2024

# Special Star

Nora was our special star last week. She celebrated her birthday on October 21st. Maybe she was treated to his favorite food, sushi. Nora loves swimming. Doing a 360 on her jungle gym is one thing she feels she does well. Every day after she goes to an event or goes to see her dad. Nora loves all of the *Harry Potter* movies except #6. Drawing books top her favorite kind to look at. I see her apply some of those skills in her artwork. 😊 Imagine Dragons is her favorite music group. One thing Nora does to help around the house is help her mom make the bed. She would like to visit New Zealand someday. When Nora grows up, she would like to be a veterinarian.

Everly was our special star this week. She celebrated her birthday last Saturday, October 26. She might have had a breakfast of eggs and toast, which is her favorite food. Taylor Swift is her top musician. One thing Everly feels she does well is play soccer, so that makes sense that it is her favorite sport. Every day after school, she watches T.V., but she says she doesn't have a favorite show or movie. The One and Only Ivan is her favorite book. To help out around the house she cleans her room, sometimes. When Everly grows up, she would like to be an exotic animal veterinarian. Someday she would love to visit Paris.

