## September 20, 2024

# The Rocker's Report

Class Newsletter



Thank you for taking time to read the Rocker's Report. The newsletters will stay up on my website for the year, so you can always go back to check them.

#### News from the PTO

Our K-5 PTO is looking forward to many great events this coming year! If you are interested in joining us, we meet the second Wednesday of each month in the Primary Center Multipurpose room at 6:30. Check out our website at www.mhk5pto.comor visit our facebook page! Here is a list of our current and upcoming events:

- Please visit this <u>link</u> to purchase your Bucky Book!
- Friday, October 11th is our Costume Ball from 6:00-7:30 at the IC!

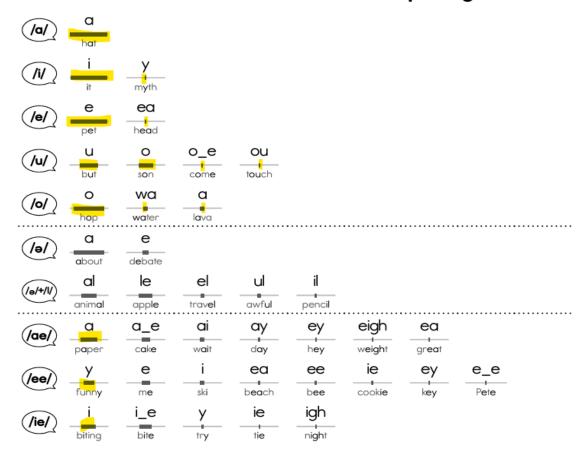
#### Academics:

Reading- We have been learning a lot since we started our first unit of CKLA. During our Read-Aloud of The Wind in the Willows, we have been learning about "themes". A theme is a literary tool that authors use. It's a broad idea that comes up many times throughout the story. In this story the themes are: friendship/loyalty, responsibility, irresponsibility). Please ask your child to give an example from the story where Rat or Mole showed friendship/loyalty. (Just a few examples would be: Rat jumped in the water to save Mole. Rat took care of Mole when he hurt his leg. Rat went to find Mole in the Wood when he left in the snow. Rat and Mole worked together to uncover Badger's door)

We have been learning many new vocabulary words too like: atmosphere, conducted, summoned, postpone, evasively, feeble, heartily and so many more. Ask your child to use the word postponed in a sentence.

Spelling- Below is a sample from our Individual Spelling Code Charts. We have been reviewing long and short vowels and how they can be spelled. Next to each vowel sound on the chart (there is another page not included) are the ways those sounds can be spelled. As you notice some vowel sounds are only spelled one way like the short a. While others vowel sounds can be spelled 8 different ways like the long e. Our code charts have "power" bars by the vowels. The longer the bar the more often you'll see that spelling pattern. I highlighted a few power bars on the chart for you to notice.

#### Vowel Sounds and Spellings



Math- We are continuing to learn about different strategies to help us learn our basic facts for addition and subtraction. One of our goals is

to proficiently add sums up to 20 and subtract from minuends of 20. We are also working on understanding what story problems are asking us to do and determine the operation we need to use to solve them.

Miscellaneous- Since I am asking students to work on both Dreambox and Lexia at home, here is the information to help sign them onto your computer. They just need to sign into their school account on Google Drive. Below is my email address as a sample. I had every student write their email address and password on the very first page of their assignment notebook. I verified all of the passwords to make sure they were written correctly. Let me know if you have any questions or if this doesn't work. Once you're there, they should be able to access their Clever account by clicking on the "Log in with my Google Account" button. If you don't see that button or they ask you to give your school name, if you start typing mount horeb inter, the name of our school will pop up. Click on it and you should be ready to go.  $\odot$ 

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### Important Information/Reminders:

- Homecoming-October 4- Wear Red (more info. to come)
- □ Early Release Monday, October 14 @ 12:45 pm
- □ Unity Day- Wednesday, October 16th wear orange
- □ No School- October 24 and 25