

October 13, 2023

The Rocker's Report

Class Newsletter



What a fun week we had for Homecoming! Good luck tonight to the Mt.Horeb Vikings football team. We went back in time, wore wacky clothes and hair, dressed in blue and ended the week celebrating with our Viking red! We were sad the parade got rained out, but we made the best of it!

PTO News

We had a fantastic turnout at our Costume Ball! Thank you for all the food donations! We donated almost 20 boxes of food to Neighbors Helping Neighbors! We are looking forward to Craft Night November 13th at the IC. More information will come soon! Need a gift? Consider a Bucky Book! Use this [link](#) order and the book will be delivered to your home! Our monthly meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 at the PC.

Thank you!

A special thank you to the following parents for chaperoning our trip to Aldo Leopold: Suzanne Cheadle, Kathy Convery, Dan Kleinschmidt, Mary Ndiaye, Toni Sies, Becca or Josh Thompson, Johan Vermaak and Nancy Booth. We had a beautiful day for our trip!

Academics:

Reading- This week we read our first biography called Roberto Clemente. It was a short biography of how Roberto came from having little to becoming one of the best baseball players of all time. We learned that not only was he a good baseball player, he was a humanitarian who gave his life trying to help people from another country that had lived through an earthquake. We also spent time learning what literal vs. nonliteral meanings were. Finally, we worked on

learning about cause and effect. *Ask your child: What did the author mean when he said Roberto ran like lightning? (It is nonliteral- he ran very fast.)*

Math- We finished Unit 1 this week. In Unit 2 our focus will be on multiplication. During this unit, your child will learn efficient strategies to multiply one digit by one digit numbers. During Number Corners we are focusing on attributes of polygons, collecting 250 milliliters every day while figuring out the running total in milliliters and liters, skipping counting (to help us with our multiplication, and continuing to do problem strings (using what we know in a previous math problem to help us figure out the next problem efficiently). *Ask your child: How many milliliters are in a liter? (Remind them that we are collecting liters. It equals 1,000 liters)*

Language arts- We continue to work on our Daily Language Review (DLR) every day. This week we are writing plural possessive nouns correctly, alphabetizing, identifying more prefixes and using the homophones: to, too and two correctly.

We are continuing to work on our personal narratives. We should be adding sensory details so the reader can feel what we're feeling or taste what we are tasting.

Spelling- This week we learned 3 ways to make a long o

o (most) ow (flow) oa (boat)

Based on the results of our first few tests, some students are now bringing home challenge words. They should study those in place of the regular list. If you find it is too difficult for your child, please let me know.

Social Studies- We took our quiz on the compass rose Thursday. Now we are learning the continents and oceans before we move onto physical features.

Science- These last two weeks we learned that humans have used selection to also get the type of animals they want or need. Because of human selection, we have chickens that lay bigger eggs, cows that

produce more milk and hundreds of breeds of dogs, to name a few. We are going to learn that not only can humans use selection to create different breeds or varieties, but natural selection can occur too.

Important Information/Reminders:

- Unity Day-** Wear orange
- Field trip to the Overture-** Wednesday, October 25th
- No School-** October 26-27
- Fall Party-** October 31st @ 2:15-3:15 *This is a change in dates.

Special Star

Marlowe was our special star this week. She celebrated her birthday on Monday, October 9th, our early release day. I wonder if she went out to eat a Culver's cheeseburger, her favorite food. Every day after school, Marlowe plays with her friends. When she's not doing that, you might find her reading history books or playing one of her favorite games: Mancala, Mario Kart 8 or Uno. She also might watch her favorite TV show called *Is it Cake?* Or maybe you might find her drawing, which is something she feels she does well. To help out around the house Marlowe takes care of her fish. Some day she would like to visit Costa Rica. Marlowe doesn't know what she wants to be when she grows up.

