



## Room 9 Weekly Newsletter

### Week of October 16 - 20, 2017

#### Reading

This week's lessons have focused on:

- choosing HOW to read a book (choosing the right voice to match the characters, events, and type of book)
- using a SNEAK PEAK (summary on the back, chapter titles, quick book "walk") to decide how best to read a book
- setting REASONABLE reading goals for how many books/pages we can read during a set time
- working on FLUENCY (reading in bigger scoops) and EXPRESSION (changing our voice to match a character/situation as we read)

#### Math

This week's lessons have focused on:

- using strategies we've developed and learned to add THREE or more addends
- problem-solving
- partner and whole group activities to build fluency with basic facts and skip counting
- using the MAKE A TEN strategy with subtraction
- learning to identify ARRAYS and how to write REPEATED ADDITION EQUATIONS to solve them

#### Writing

This week's lessons have focused on looking at various second grade writing pieces (not from our class) and determining what those writers have done well and what advice we would give them to make their writing even better. We also read an amusing book called Exclamation Mark! which reminded us when and how to use punctuation marks in our writing. ☺

We also wrote Noisy Poems with Halloween topics! These were so much fun to write and share with each other!

#### Science / Social Studies

We've moved our plant study from apples to pumpkins this week and have been learning all about the pumpkin life cycle and how its plant parts are a bit different with a STEM that grows sideways along the ground (vine) instead of straight up. We've seen some really HUGE pumpkins as well!

We also enjoyed a nice extra recess to end the week! ☺

#### Announcements

- \*\* October 24<sup>th</sup> - Picture Day! Bring your best smiles!
- \*\* October 25<sup>th</sup> - 2 hour delay start - school starts on a 2 hour delay schedule!
- \*\* October 27<sup>th</sup> - Family Fitness Walk (8:00) and All School Assembly (9:00)
- \*\* November 1<sup>st</sup> - Author Joseph Bruchac coming to OPS from 6:30-8:00 p.m. ☺
- \*\* November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Our field trip to see FrankenSTEM - please return permission forms!