

Worden's Words

— Monthly Update About What's Happening in Room 11 —

October Edition

Religion

In religion, we will be finishing up our first unit of study, The Sacraments - God's Gifts of Life. We will be doing a unit review, and then will take a unit test. Unlike the chapter tests, the unit test WILL NOT be open book. This test will probably be November 10. Check my website for the exact date.

Also, they have been studying the mysteries of the Rosary all month. They will take a final test on the Rosary next week.

We will also have our next class Mass on November 13.



Science

In science this month, we did an experiment which can only be described as disgusting!! We are still learning about the Web of Life -Ecosystems and the Food Web. We learned about decomposers such as mushrooms, and how mold is actually tiny little mushrooms. For the experiment, students discovered the role fungi play in decomposing dead materials. Students filled Ziploc bags with different types of foods and changed the environmental conditions to study how different variables affect mold growth. We then observed mold growth over a period of two weeks. To say they were disgusting at the end of the two weeks is putting it mildly!!

We should be finishing the Web of Life unit this month. We will then have a test over what we have learned.



Social Studies

In social studies, we finished our unit on economics. We are currently doing a short unit on the election. We are learning about election history, the 2020 candidates, and the electoral process. On election day, they will cast their vote for their favorite presidential candidate.

2020 ELECTION

2020 Presidential Election Voting

* Required

Select the candidate you want to be the next President of the United States. *



Donald Trump



Joe Biden

Math

We finished our chapter on division and are currently working on decimals. This is one of the topics that they did not get to last year. In this chapter, we are working on place value and adding/subtracting decimals. Subsequent chapters will focus on multiplying and dividing them so we will be working on decimals for awhile.

I strongly encourage the students to keep working on IXL. It is awesome for extra practice on their math skills. So far, as a class, they have spent over 50 hours practicing and have answered over 5,000 questions! It is definitely helping them learn their skills!

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Reading

Read and Feed

To celebrate the end of our first unit in reading, we had a read and feed. The students brought snacks that they could eat while reading their books. Some of us need to work on our reading stamina as they found it difficult to read for any length of time. Others could have read for even longer than we did!!





Students Speak

What is the best book you have read this quarter and why?

The Undrowned because it was amazing, and it was so good I finished it in a half a day.

The new Dogman book because it's funny.

GI Dogs because my dad was in the Marines so it felt like a character was my dad.

Little House on the Prairie because it is about a family moving to the prairie and living on it.

My favorite book was Camping with the President because I like nature and history. I also like climbing trees and riding horses, camping, and all the things Teddy did.

I don't have one; I like them all!

My favorite book so far this year is The Undrowned because I could understand, it's good, and it was scary. I love scary books.

The Undrowned because it was really scary, and I like scary books, and it was really interesting.

The best book I have read this quarter is The Babysitters Club because I want to be a babysitter. It can give me a little bit of experience so I know how to babysit. I also like them because they are about kids my age that run into lots of big problems, and I like to see how they solve them. I also like them because they have everything a good book should have.

Dogman because Dogman is a really good book. I like it because I like comics.

Dogman because Petey went to jail because he was stealing jewels and Dogman caught him.

Second Day, First Impressions because I like scavenger hunts and nature. I like to be on teams and have competition, and I like reading clues. I like running.

The Undrowned because it's scary and because it's about water and a horror story, and I love horror stories.

The World According to Humphrey because I learned a lot about the series, and this is my favorite series.

A Weird But True book because they are super interesting, and they have really cool facts. They are just really fun to read.

Camping with the President because I really like being outside in nature. I love climbing trees. I like singing to birds and riding horses too. I like eating a lot of food like President Teddy Roosevelt.

The best book that I've read this quarter is The Haunting! It is the best book I've read because it is a mystery, and that's my favorite genre. It is a REALLY good book.

I like A Lantern in Her Hand. It is exciting and fun to read.

My Big Mouth because it reminds me of me.

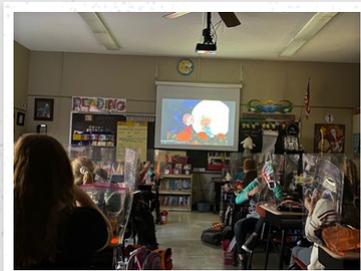
Chilly Weather

The weather is getting chillier!! Reminder to dress appropriately for outdoor recess. We are finding that the masks are adding a little extra warmth!! :)



Halloween Party

We had a short little celebration for Halloween. The students shared some eerie stories that they had written. Some parent volunteers supplied us with treats (THANK YOU!), and we watched *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*. We hope that if any trick or treating is done this weekend, we won't get all rocks!!



Looking Ahead...

November 15 - Fifth Grade Class Mass

November 25-27 - Thanksgiving Vacation

