

Ms. Young's Classroom Newsletter

Issue #1 - September 22, 2023



READING

We have been focusing on thinking analytically about our reading! Students have been practicing writing reading responses with more of their own thinking about what they read. We are honing in on story elements to pay attention to, finding text evidence to support ideas, and goal setting to grow as readers this year!

WRITING

Our first writing unit & writing piece will be Narrative Writing. Students were able to see completed samples from past students and also began brainstorming possible topics. Before we jumped into narratives, we reviewed conventions like capitalization, punctuation, and verb tenses to set us up for success once we start drafting!



MATH

We are working through Module 1 in math! This module focuses heavily on place value. We have been working on place value, multiplying & dividing by base 10 numbers, using base 10 exponents, and making metric conversions.

Module 1 Parent Tip Sheet can be found [here](#)



SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES

Social Studies - First People, Encounter, & Colonization

We have launched our first social studies unit! So far we have learned about:

- Geography & location of Eastern North America
- Establish context for North America & Europe's location in relation to the rest of the globe
- Natural resources used by the first people
- Reasons Europeans came to North America
- The Columbus encounter from both the Columbus & first people perspective
- Gains & losses of the indigenous people & Europeans



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

In 2nd Step, we have learned about Empathy & Respect and Listening with Attention.

Questions to ask your student:

- *What does it mean to show empathy for someone? How have you shown empathy to others? When is a time you've been respectful to someone else?*
- *Why is it important to listen with attention? When are good times for you to listen with attention?*



● September & October ●

- 10/3 - Conference Scheduling Opens
- 10/12 - Art Lesson (12:45)
- 10/16-20 - Book Fair
- 10/23 - No School (Teacher Work Day)
- 10/27 - Trunk or Treat
- 10/31 - Classroom Fall Harvest Parties (More Info to Come)
- 10/31 - Conference Scheduling Closes

Full classroom calendar available on our classroom website

UPCOMING EVENTS & CONTACT INFORMATION

Email: youngk@issaquah.wednet.edu

Classroom Website: young5.weebly.com