

Mrs. Palmer's Reading News

November 11, 2019

(for the Homeroom Students of Mrs. Hatcher & Mrs. Kashen)

Reading

Last week you should have seen your child's fairy tale come home. Students were excited to write these and presented them to the class. Mrs. Gault was invited into our classroom to listen to a few of these tales. She truly enjoyed looking at the children's illustrations which were displayed on the Smartboard while listening to their fairy tale.

No matter which class your child is in, all students have been focusing on using the dictionary correctly. They know how to use guide words, identify the parts of speech for each word as well as identify the correct definition to be used. Although in our electronic world today and through the use of spell check, etc., I feel that it is an important skill that should still be taught. Rest assured that your child has either mastered this skill already and is very efficient at it or is on the way to mastery. We will continue to use dictionaries this year.

Students have also focused on comprehension questions for their particular story. We have discussed in full the various ways to begin their answers so that they are **NOT** restating the exact words in the question; rather, they are rephrasing it in a different way. They use words such as:

- According to...
- On page 42, it states ...

Homework

We have not had much homework so far this year, but things will be picking up. Please make sure that your child is on top of their work. Parent assistance is still required.



Conferences

It was a pleasure meeting with some of you at conferences. I truly enjoyed our conversation and discussing the strengths and future goals of your child. Please continue to keep the communication open throughout the remainder of the year.

Upcoming Events

(look for your child's chapter book)

<u>Dear Mr. Henshaw:</u>	<u>Sounder</u>	<u>No More Dead Dogs</u>
<u>Friday, November 15th:</u> Quiz on pages 43-107	<u>Friday, November 15th:</u> Quiz on pages 47-76	<u>Friday, November 15th:</u> Quiz on pages 46-109
<u>Monday, November 18th:</u> Project information to come home	<u>Monday, November 18th:</u> Project information to come home	<u>Monday, November 18th:</u> Project information to come home
<u>Thursday, November 21st:</u> Final Test	<u>Friday, November 22nd:</u> Final Quiz on pages 77-116:	<u>Friday, November 21st:</u> Final Quiz on pages 110-180
<u>Monday, November 25th:</u> Paper Bag Project due	<u>Monday, November 25th:</u> Project due and we will watch the movie <u>Sounder</u> ***Students may bring in a snack and drink approved by parents***	<u>Monday, November 25th:</u> Project due

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