



October 19, 2018

Dear Fabulous Fourth Grade Families,

Here is our weekly classroom update:

### Math

The objectives of Topic B in Module 2 (which we just completed) is to understand and relate metric units to place value units in order to express measurements in different units. Also, to use addition and subtraction to solve multi-step word problems involving length, mass, and capacity. A practice test is set for Monday and the Module 2's assessment is set for Tuesday.

Students took a Topic A quiz for Unit 2 to check for students' understanding.

### Reading

Guided reading groups this week focused on identifying the “big ideas” within text and relating the supporting details. These lessons will lead to summarizing. Supporting responses with specific text (not schema) was emphasized. These skills will be revisited throughout the year as we require students to improve their ability to identify the main idea(s).

Some small groups worked on fluency as they read - slowing down, reading with expression often helps students increase their comprehension.

Ira Sleeps Over was used as a mentor text to look at main characters, problem/solution. This ties in with students' Story Arc.

### Writing

Woo-hoo! Students are now working on their personal narrative rough drafts. Students are using their story arc to help them craft

each scene in their story. Lessons have included precise word choice, slowing/speeding time down, and complicated characters.



### Science

Students completed the science unit with a solutions experiment. Look for the graded Matter Unit test in next week's Friday Folder. We will moving back into social studies beginning next week.

### Word Study

Caught 'Ya has been focusing on the correct way to write dialogue between characters and when to indent paragraphs. Spelling partners continue each week and now that narratives have begun, their Word Bank will reflect specific needs for improvement.

### Other

Art lesson - THANK you parents!!

### Mark Your Calendars!

Oct. 31st - Fall Celebration

Have a lovely weekend!

Very Sincerely,

Lisa and Melissa