Class News

Welcome to Mrs. Ditinyak's Resource Center! October 2017

Math

We are continuing to establish routines and learn how to use various math tools. In addition, we will be working on the following skills:

<u>Kindergarten:</u> Students are continuing to explore counting and cardinality. Students will be counting and learning about numbers 0-9. Playing counting games, exploring numbers in the real world, and creating graphs are some of the fun activities we will be doing.

2nd Grade: Students are exploring number lines, working with coins and learning how to use number grids. 2nd graders are also busy learning equivalent names for numbers, finding combinations that add to 10 and discovering even and odd number patterns.

<u>3rd Grade:</u> Students are learning to tell time to the nearest minute as well as calculate elapsed time. Estimation and rounding are other skills we will be working on along with organizing and representing data.

Language Arts

Reading Workshop: Students are continuing to use the strategies and principles of the Reading Workshop to create a meaningful reading life whereby they develop a lasting relationship with books and work to understand a full range of texts on a deeper level. This month we are working on developing the reading behaviors that will help us build up our reading stamina so that we will be able to read longer and stronger.

Writing Workshop: Our fabulous writers are learning tips and strategies to strengthen and develop their writing skills. This month we will be writing Small Moment stories which are personal narratives where the writers zooms in on a specific memory or event.

Wilson Reading System: Students are hard at work reviewing spelling and phonics concepts using this multi-sensory approach. Students are working on phonemic awareness, decoding, spelling, fluency, and sight word recognition.

Responsive Classroom

We will be using the Responsive Classroom approach to guiding behaviors and learning experiences. We have 3 basic rules that guide our day:

- 1. Take care of ourselves.
- 2. Take care of each other.
- 3. Take care of our school.