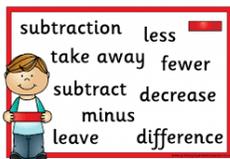


Dear Families,

October 21-24, 2019

We hope you have a relaxing long weekend, enjoying some time to wind down and get reconnected after a busy start to fall. I hope the students told you about the homework of Nothing To Do! Children need free time to play and let their brains grow.

This will be our last full week of Unit 2 in math, and it will end by giving us opportunities to practice a lot of subtraction – maybe even using multi-digit numbers. We want children to remember to begin with the largest number in a fact family when subtracting, and to use terms like “find the difference,” or “how many more/less than...”

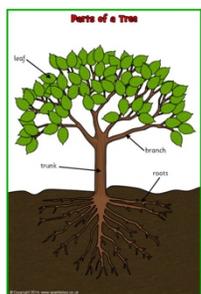


We are also working on our Expert Books – you can help at home by talking to your child about what expertise they chose, how they are organizing their chapters and the information in the chapters. Many children at this age need to work hard on organizing their knowledge in ways so someone else can learn from them. We’re going to use an app called Book Creator to publish an e-book, complete with photos, informational diagrams and all.



In reading we’ve gotten good practice on identifying the main idea and details of a story, along with beginning, middle, end, and are moving on to retelling using our hands as a way to think about the palm as the main idea and the fingers as the details.

We move into some scientific inquiry based learning this week in literacy with the book *Trees*. We’ll use background knowledge and nonfiction text features to form questions and focus on finding the answers through our observations, experiences and readings. This unit is in conjunction with Active Inquiry class.



One housekeeping note: please label each of your child’s clothing items. Labeling helps the staff return things to the proper owners.

Also, Mrs. Davies, the counselor, will be starting to come teach whole group lessons, and she is working with small friendship groups, too. Her first unit, (which we talk about a lot) is developing ways to identify bullying behaviors, and to actively be “anti-bully.” It’s important to practice strategies for standing up and speaking out. One way to show support is to wear ORANGE on Wednesday for Unity Against Bullying. Our second Spirit Day this week is on Thursday, which is Team Sports Day – wear a jersey from a team you play on or like!

### **General Information:**



- School doors open 7:15
- Specialist classes: PE, S, M, A
- **10/17&18 No School**
- **10/23 Unity Day! Wear Orange to Stand Up to Bullying**
- 10/24 Spirit Day! Sports Team Day!
- **10/25 No School**
- 10/28 Eat at Chipotle Rosedale - Fundraiser
- 10/29 Public Library 12:35
- 10/30 Picture Retakes



- The weekly newsletter can be found on the school website:  
<https://www.spps.org/domain/237>

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