



## Mrs. Frecon's Fab Facts



Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe we are already in the month of November! The students and I are really persevering and working hard together...and we are finding so many “windows” for adding in fun, technology, and student-driven exploration and application of learning. From our POW problem-solving strategies, to our questioning and “close” reading, growing our very own seeds into plants, Brain Breaks and more...this class is really shining!

*October Reflection: Fall was a blast! We filled our Class Gem Jar and earned a reward for class-wide positive behavior (Stuffed Animal Day)! Our Fall Harvest Party was a success (**thank you to all the parents** who volunteered and contributed items).*

The following provides the major concepts and skills that will be taught in each content area for the beginning of the 2nd trimester/November:

### **Reading:**

- Small Group Guided Reading (according to individual's instructional levels) and Strategy Groups (according to strategies in need of practice) will continue.
- Comprehension Strategies & CAFÉ cards introduced:
  - Determine Cause and Effect in a story.
  - Make Predictions before and during reading, then confirm or contradict predictions.
  - Monitor reading closely and fix up for understanding.
  - Identify the Author's Purpose for a text.
  - Questioning before, during and after reading.

All skills will be taught and applied through shared reading (novels), anthology, leveled books and independent books.

### **Writing:**

- Mode: Opinion Writing: state an opinion, and write an essay supporting opinion.
- Traits: Ideas, Organization, Conventions.

*\*\*\*Later this trimester, our class has an awesome opportunity to incorporate our writing into the Makerspace Classroom! Please ask your child what he/she has created in Makerspace and spark some conversation about the experience!*

### **Math:**

- We are currently mastering addition math stories with one part unknown; using tracking and counting-on strategies to solve.
  - Learning patterns in addition, such as Doubles Facts, and Doubles Plus 1 to solve fluently.
- Introduction of Subtraction: solving math word problems with one part unknown using pictures and number sentences/equations and number bonds to show work.

### **Science:**

- Unit: Solids, Liquids, Gases + Investigations and Experiments = FUN!

### **Important Dates to Remember:**

- 11-8: #earlstrong
- 11-13: Scholastic Book Orders due
- Conferences: 21<sup>st</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>

- 11-28: Happy Thanksgiving!

Happy November,  
Mrs. Frecon