

# Teaching & Learning Newsletter

## McMahon Elementary School

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<p><b>NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL</b></p> <p>2017-2018 marks the first year that all students grades K-6 are learning in a proficiency based model. Students will receive a new report card this year. It is my commitment to make sure you understand how the PBL model benefits your child, guides our teaching, and accurately reports out on your child's progress. This monthly Teaching &amp; Learning Newsletter will help to give you a snapshot of the standards your children are working on and how you can support their learning at home. I also invite you to attend our McMahon PBL Parent Information Night on October 11th from 5:30-6:30.</p>	<p><b>EARLY FALL STANDARDS</b></p> <p><b>Reading:</b>          RL.1 Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.  <i>Kid Friendly Language: I can ask and answer questions about a text.</i>          RF.4b Read grade-level text orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings.  <i>Kid Friendly Language: I can read aloud with accuracy and expression.</i></p> <p><b>Writing:</b>          W.3 Write narratives in which they recount a well-elaborated event or short sequence of events, include details to describe actions, thoughts, and feelings, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide a sense of closure.  <i>Kid Friendly Language: I can write a story with a clear sequence of events, details, and an ending.</i></p>
<p><b>IMPORTANT DATES</b></p> <p><b>9/20</b> Early Release Day for Students – <i>Teacher PD on assessing student writing &amp; standards based grading in Empower</i></p> <p><b>10/6</b> No School for Students – <i>Teacher Workshop Day – Teacher PD around analyzing evidence and scoring standards based on criteria rubrics</i></p> <p><b>10/11</b> PBL Parent Information Night 5:30-6:30</p> <p><b>10/18</b> Early Release Day for Students – <i>Teacher PD around preparing for Parent Conferences</i></p> <p><b>10/23</b> No School for Students – <i>Full Day of Parent Conferences 8:30am – 7:00pm</i></p> <p><b>10/24</b> Parent Conferences 3:30pm – 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>Math:</b>          OAB.2 Fluently add and subtract within 20 using mental strategies. By end of Grade 2, know from memory all sums of two one-digit numbers.  <i>Kid Friendly Language: I can fluently add and subtract within 20.</i></p> <p>NBT.B.8 Mentally add 10 or 100 to a given number 100-900, and mentally subtract 10 or 100 from a given number 100-900.  <i>Kid Friendly Language: I can use mental math skills to add and subtract 10 or 100 to or from 100 – 900.</i></p>
<p><b>TEACHER TALK – WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?</b></p> <p>Professional Development: Often referred to as PD, is learning for teachers intended to improve their professional knowledge, skills &amp; effectiveness.</p> <p>Standards: Expected knowledge and skills that students will learn at each grade level.</p>	<p><b>HOW TO SUPPORT AT HOME</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read with your child every night. Ask who, what, where, when and why questions about the story.</li> <li>• Practice math facts. Use cards or dice to play addition games!</li> </ul>

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