

Teaching & Learning Newsletter

McMahon Elementary School

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<p>NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL</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 our on your child's progress. This monthly Teaching & Learning Newsletter will help to give you a snapshot of the standards your child 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>EARLY FALL STANDARDS</p> <p>Reading: RL.3 Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text. <i>Kid Friendly Language: I can use specific details from the story to describe a character setting or event.</i></p> <p>RL.10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including some stories, dramas, and poetry, in grades 4-5 text complexity band proficiently with scaffolding as needed at high end of the range. <i>Kid Friendly Language: I can read and comprehend literature appropriate for fourth grade.</i></p> <p>Writing: W. 3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences. <i>Kid Friendly Language: I can write a real or imagined narrative piece.</i></p> <p>Math: NBT.A.1 Recognize that in a multi-digit whole number, a digit in one place represents ten times what it represents in the place to its right. <i>Kid Friendly Language: I can explain that in a multi-digit whole number, a digit in one place represents ten times what it represents in the place to its right.</i></p> <p>NBT.A.2 Read and write multi-digit whole numbers using base-ten numerals, number names, and expanded form. <i>Kid Friendly Language: I can read and write number in standard, word, and expanded form.</i></p>
<p>IMPORTANT DATES</p> <p>9/20 Early Release Day for Students – <i>Teacher PD on assessing student writing & standards based grading in Empower</i></p> <p>10/6 No School for Students – <i>Teacher Workshop Day – Teacher PD around analyzing evidence and scoring standards based on criteria rubrics</i></p> <p>10/11 PBL Parent Information Night 5:30-6:30</p> <p>10/18 Early Release Day for Students – <i>Teacher PD around preparing for Parent Conferences</i></p> <p>10/23 No School for Students – <i>Full Day of Parent Conferences 8:30am – 7:00pm</i></p> <p>10/24 Parent Conferences 3:30pm – 7:00pm</p>	<p>HOW TO SUPPORT AT HOME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Encourage your child to read at home! *Talk with your child about their reading, especially the characters' traits, thoughts, and how they change throughout the book. *Real-Life place value –talk about the cost of items when you go shopping (compare prices, round prices, etc.)
<p>TEACHER TALK – WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?</p> <p>Professional Development: Often referred to as “PD”, is learning for teachers intended to improve their professional knowledge, skills & effectiveness.</p> <p>Standards: Expected knowledge and skills that students will learn at each grade level.</p>	

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