

Teaching & Learning Newsletter

McMahon Elementary School

Early Fall 2017



<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.1 Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. <i>Kid Friendly Language: I can use my own prior knowledge and support from the text to respond to my reading.</i></p> <p>RL.10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poetry, at the high end of the grades 4-5 text complexity band independently and proficiently. <i>Kid Friendly Language: I can read fifth grade stories and poems.</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 narrative piece with evidence of character traits, setting, action and a conclusion.</i></p> <p>Math: NBT.A.1 Recognize that in a multi-digit number, a digit in one place represents 10 times as much as it represents in the place to its right and 1/10 of what it represents in the place to its left. <i>Kid Friendly Language: I can understand and explain the value of digits in a larger number.</i></p> <p>NBT.A.3 Read, write, and compare decimals to thousandths. <i>Kid Friendly Language: I can read, write and compare decimals to the thousandths.</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"> -Study Math facts whenever you can—it will make learning new concepts so much easier -When shopping show your child how to compare costs to save money -Encourage your child to read for pleasure -Ask them questions about what they are reading -Play words games like scrabble or upwords as a family
<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>	

McMahon 5th Grade Teachers

Eric Beaulieu Julie Landry
 Nicola Donatelli Marie Dickson
 Sherry Johannes Aime Sherry
 Jessica Philippon

Contact Us

Phone: 207-795-4140
 Website: mcmahon.lewistonpublicschools.org
 Twitter: @McMahonTigers
 Facebook: @McMahonSchool