

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.10 Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding. <i>Kid Friendly Language: I can share in fiction reading activities.</i></p> <p>RF.1 Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print. <i>Kid Friendly Language: I can follow from left to right, top to bottom and page to page.</i></p> <p>Writing: W.3 Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate a single event or several loosely linked events, tell about the events in the order in which they occurred, and provide a reaction to what happened. <i>Kid Friendly Language: I can dictate, draw and write to tell a story.</i></p> <p>Math: CC.A.1 Count to 100 by ones and by tens. <i>Kid Friendly Language: I can count to 100 by ones and tens.</i></p> <p>CC.A.3 Write numbers from 0-20. Represent a number of objects with a written numeral 0-20 (with 0 representing a count of no objects). <i>Kid Friendly Language: I can write numbers from 0-20.</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"> -Read every night with your child. Ask questions about the story after reading. -Encourage writing at home by having your child draw and label pictures. -Count objects daily around the home and in the environment (Cheerios or other snacks, stairs, toys, 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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