



Mrs. Gilfillan's Class News

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Parent Conferences

I am looking forward to another group of parent conferences this Thursday afternoon. Please check your time and contact me if you cannot make the appointment.

Walking Field Trip

It will be very cold!

Students must wear a warm coat to school on Wednesday. They also will need to wear something on their head and their hands, and wear good walking shoes.

Curriculum this Week

Math

We begin a new unit on telling time this week. We will study this for 2-3 weeks. Please see the clock and attached note in your child's homework folder today. Please help your child practice with correct placement of hands for hour, half hour, and time to intervals of 5 minutes. Continue to practice adding several 2 digit numbers using place value, expanded form, or number lines.

Literacy

We continue with Unit 1 in Module 2 this week on the book Stone Girl, Bone Girl by Laurence Anholt. Students are learning to retell a fiction story by using a graphic organizer. They are learning to include key details for each section of the story when they write. Students are learning strategies to answer multiple choice questions, such as reading the whole question and **all** of the choices before choosing an answer.

Students will have opportunities to learn more about fossils and paleontologists by reading books on Epic Books. Your child would probably enjoy reading books at home on fossils of plants or animals.

In small groups, students are learning more about main idea and supporting details and using text features to learn details in a nonfiction text.

We will study Letterland Unit 8 this week. The spelling patterns of **tch** and **ck** in the middle of a word. Remember that spelling words are posted on the classroom website each week!

Social Studies

We will go on our Walking Field Trip on Wednesday to learn more about how the producers at Trader Joes' trade with other countries to provide the things that consumers need and want.