

NEWS FROM ROOM 15

Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world. –
Malala Yousafzai

Dates to Remember

Spelling/Vocab Test
-Friday, October 9

Walk-A-Thon
-Thursday, October 15

Vision Screening
-Tuesday, October 20

Halloween Party
-Friday, October 30

Parent-Teacher Conferences
-Thursday, November 12

Parent-Teacher Conferences
-Tuesday, November 17

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Sorting Fiction and Nonfiction

PBL

Many thanks to so many of you for bringing in Project Based Learning materials over this past week. We will be starting our week-long PBL unit in one week. During the Project Based Learning activity the students will be given a problem to solve that is based on the standards they are expected to master. They will then have to use problem solving, reasoning, collaboration, innovation, and teamwork to arrive at a solution together, construct their solution, and explain their solution to an audience.

Our first unit is based on ELA standards such as determining character traits, writing descriptions and making inferences.





Homecoming Celebration!

Reading

This week in Storytown we worked on the comprehension skill of reading nonfiction text. We zeroed in on text features that help us understand nonfiction text better, such as headings, captions, indexes, and tables. We discussed how these text features make reading and understanding nonfiction text easier. We will continue working on this skill next week.

Writing

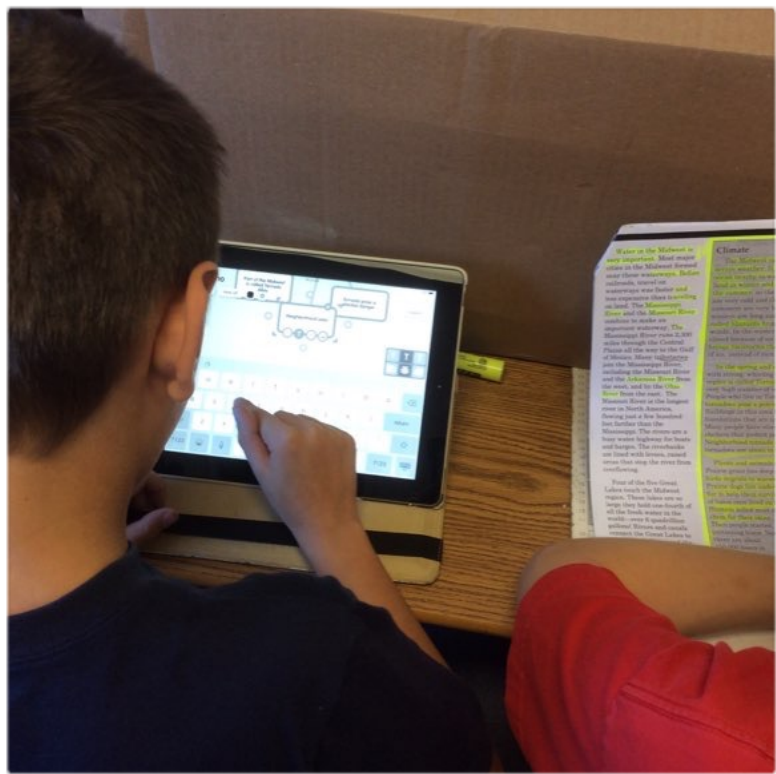
We are filling our journals with stories! During writing time we are working on narrative writing and practicing such strategies as adding descriptive language to describe settings and characters and making sure that we have a clear sequence of events as we tell our stories. We will continue to gather stories in our notebooks and working on writing strategies next week.

Math

Thank you so much for helping your child log on to Reflex Math this past week for homework. Being able to quickly recall those basic facts is so important for success with math. I will be checking each child's progress and if any issues arise please let me know. In math we have divided into two math groups. One group has finished its unit on rounding and is on addition and subtraction with borrowing. The other group will finish rounding next week.

Social Studies

We continued learning about the Midwest Region this week by learning about the landforms, climate, and products and natural resources of this region. We worked on the informational skills of reading for details and finding the main idea of a paragraph. We will finish up the Midwest region next week and then move on to the Northeast.



Finding the Main Idea and Supporting Details