



# Finch Newsletter 9-21-18

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Here are some reminders, information, and updates about our class.

- Please call the Office for attendance and transportation changes: 625-3101
- Please have your child wear/bring tennis shoes to school every day.
- Field trip: TUESDAY! September 25 from 9:30-12 at Shiawassee Fairgrounds. If you sent in the RSVP to attend this trip, please meet us at the fairgrounds at 9:15. Also please remember to send your child to school with a packed lunch from home, unless you sent in the school lunch form to me. Thanks!
- Box tops: We have started collecting box tops for our school. When you send these in, please include a piece of paper with FINCH on it. Thanks!
- Picture Day: Wednesday September 26th!
- Field trip after Thanksgiving: You will notice we will soon be sending home field trip information for a trip Monday November 26th to see The Nutcracker at the Wharton Center. This is the day we return from Thanksgiving. We have to reserve seating with the Wharton Center soon, for this popular field trip. Please watch for permission slips to come home soon.
- Homecoming is this coming week: Your child received a note on Wednesday that gives information about all of the homecoming activities!

Here is what we have been learning. Please ask your child to elaborate.

**Reading:** We are now selecting books for student book bins each day, to practice our reading fluency. In October, your child will start bringing home a fluency reading book each night to read at home. We have started working on all of the important parts of reading, we call it our reading CAFE (C=comprehension; A=accuracy; F=fluency; E=expanding vocabulary).

C- We focused on asking and answering questions when reading.

A-We focused on spelling words with blends (r,s,t,l) as well as the sight words (boy, by girl)

F- We started our independent reading time each day. Students also spent time doing buddy reading.

E- We focused on the vocabulary words (decide, different, friendship, glance, proper, relationship, stares, trade)

**Spelling:** We will begin spelling lists and home reading packs on October 1.

**Writing:**

- Journal Writing: Each day this week, students wrote in a writing journal. This daily journal writing serves to help improve writing fluency and writing stamina. It was exciting to see your child setting a personal goal for writing words, and then to watch them strive to reach personal goals!
- Handwriting Practice: Students continue to work on writing with correct letter formation.
- Students finished writing a narrative friendly letter.

**Math:** We finished Chapter 1: Applying Addition and Subtraction concepts. We will be starting Chapter 2: Number Patterns. We also work each week on addition and subtraction fact fluency. You will notice when homework starts, your child will be asked to practice math facts at home as well.

**Science:** We finished our STEM project this week, building different perches for our little Harry creatures. Students were very excited to design, create and improve structures.

**Homework:** I will begin sending homework folders home Wednesday September 26th. I will include information about when homework is due, etc.

**Behavior:** Our class goal has been using actions that are respectful. Our class has been really focusing on showing respect to adults by listening when adults are teaching or giving directions. Our class is getting better but students are still working on not chatting when adults are speaking. If your child struggles to follow school rules, then I expect them to write a behavior plan. If your child continues to struggle, then I will have your child call you and explain his/her choices.

Thank you so much for your support and sharing your child with me.  
Mrs. Amy Finch

