



# Finch Newsletter 9-28-18

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

- Our field trip was a success! Your child went to 15 different stations focusing on science topics. Thanks to all of our wonderful chaperones who came with us on this trip.
- Please call the Office for attendance and transportation changes: 625-3101
- Homework: Students were excited to start homework on Wednesday. Remember, homework is due by Monday.
- Box Tops: We are having our first school contest. Please send in box tops.
- Conferences are coming soon: October 8th and October 9th. Thanks to all who have signed up so far. I will send you a reminder next week of your assigned day and time.
- Today your child should have brought home information about our next field trip. This field trip will be to the Wharton Center to see a performance of The Nutcracker. This will be on November 26th. We are sending this information out now because we have to purchase tickets soon. This is a popular field trip for several local schools and tickets sell out quickly. Please read the notes your child brings home today about this field trip and let me know if you have any questions.

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

**Reading:** We are selecting books for student book bins each day, to practice our reading fluency. 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 as reading and looking at key details in a story. We also looked at the differences between Fiction and Nonfiction.

A-We focused on short a sound and long a vowel sound, using magic e... as well as the sight words (another, done, water, your, into, show, now, too, move, year)

F- We are having independent reading time each day, and working on our stamina as readers. We have also started buddy reading.

E- We focused on the vocabulary words (rooms, allowed, care, excited, needs, safe, wandered, wild)

**Spelling:** We will begin spelling lists on Monday with the first spelling test on Friday Oct. 5

**Writing:**

- Students wrote a response to our field trip, writing about things they learned.
- Students have started writing a personal narrative, about real like events.
- Handwriting Practice

**Math:** We started working on Chapter 2: Number Patterns. It would help your child to practice counting by 2s, 5s, 10s.

**Science:** Our field trip touched many science ideas, from the water cycle, to needs of plants and animals.

**Social Studies:** We started our first unit: What is a Community? We will be looking at why families live in a community. We will also look at how communities are alike and different.

**Reading Packs:** These will start coming home on Monday. Your child will need to read each night and will have a reading log for an adult to initial and return each morning.

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

Mrs. Amy Finch