



Lest we forget

NOVEMBER 2014

Important dates:

November 6th

Rooney and Puney field trip

November 7th -11th

NO school

November 20th

Hot Lunch

November 27th

Hands on Science

November 26th and 27th

Parent teacher interviews

November 28th

No school

Dear Parents,

November is going to be a really busy month for us as it is almost report card time! That means that we will be finishing up units and doing evaluations. To give you a clearer picture of what we are doing in class and how you can help your child in certain areas, please check out this month's news.

Sight Words

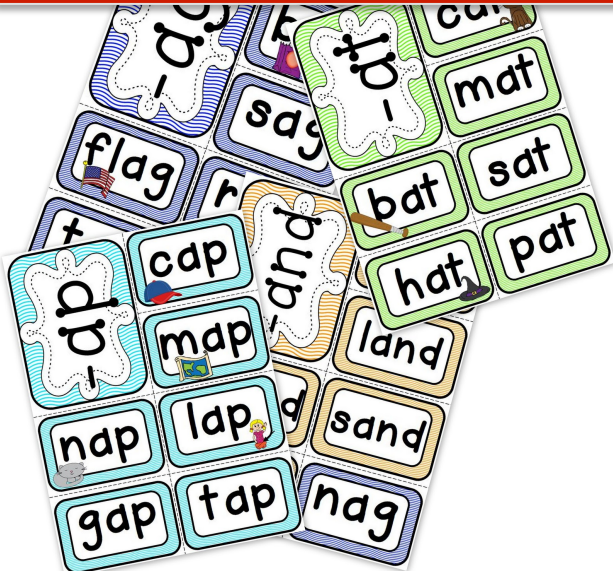
Please continue to practice English sight words with your child regularly. Just a reminder that your child will be tested on his/her words each week and his/her progress will be recorded in the agenda.

Although your child may have mastered the first few lists of words, I would strongly encourage you to revisit them from time to time to ensure that they have not been forgotten. Remember, being able to recognize sight words is an essential part of being a successful reader and writer!

A Reminder

If you are sending papers to school in the front pocket of your child's agenda, please let them know to look for it. It would also help if you wrote a note **INSIDE** the agenda to indicate that it is there. Given how busy our mornings are, it is not always possible for me to personally check each child's agenda pocket.

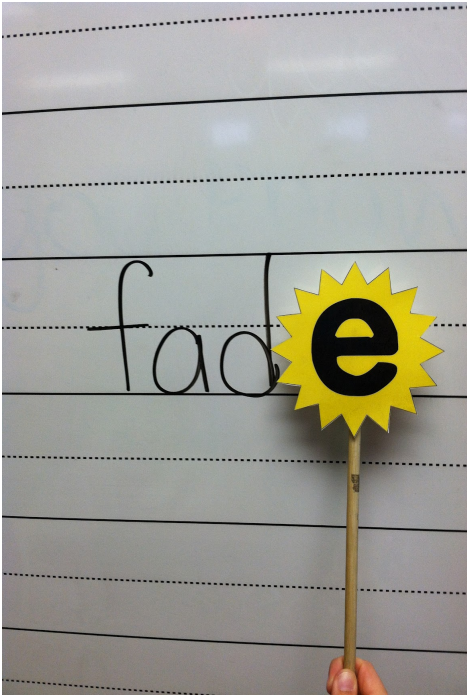
Thank you!



Letter combos

Now that we have reviewed all of the individual letter names and sounds in English, we are beginning to learn different letter combos. Letter combos refer to a group of letters that make a unique sound when they are together. We use actions, and words to help us remember these combos. Listed below are some combos that we have been practicing in class, as well as the combos that will be introduced in November.

Combo	Keyword/Name	Action
th	throw	Pretend to throw a football.
er ir ur	turn	Point your finger in the air and turn in a circle.
ch	chop	Pretend to chop something with your hand.
ay	yay	Pretend to cheer.
or	'or' Like the sound a seal makes	Clap your hands together like a seal.
ing	ding	Pretend to ring a doorbell.
oo	'oo' Like in the word look	Pretend that you just got hit in the stomach.
sh	shiver	Arms around your torso and shiver
ar	Like a pirate says	Say 'arr' like a pirate while swinging your arm.
ow ou	As in shout	Hands on either side of your mouth as if to shout.



Reading can be hard, especially when not all words can be sounded out phonetically. Therefore, we have learned a couple of rules in our class that can help us when we are trying to decode new words.

The **'magic' e** rule- The magic e bumps the vowel and makes it say its own name. (ex: the word 'hug' becomes 'huge' when you put the magic e on the end.

The **'two vowels walking together'** rule- When two vowels go a walkin' the first one does the talkin'. In other words the first vowel will say its own name, while the other one will be silent. (ex: boat and goat)

Then there are **'jail words'** that don't follow any of the rules.

Rooney and Punyi

This Thursday, November 6th we will be going to see the Rooney and Punyi reading show at the St. Albert public library. It is an excellent opportunity for the children to see excellent storytellers in action as well as to become a part of the story by participating in songs and skits.

Hands on Science

Later this month we will be inviting an instructor from Hands on Science to join us in the school for many hands on activities related to the five senses which is our next Science unit.

Reading Strategies

I am sending a great list of strategies attached to this email. You can simply review them, or print the posters out to help you with your at home reading. We will also be creating our very own strategy bookmarks in class that students can keep with them and use again and again.

Have a wonderful November!

Remembrance Day Reflection

This years
Rememberance
Day reflection will
take place at
2 :00pm on
November 6th in
the gymnasium.