

Dear Parents,
We hope you had a great weekend. Here's our news!

Phonics/Penmanship

The new words for this week are: make, not, my, new, for.
50 word wall words have now been introduced this year. **Below** you will find a list of all 50 introduced words. Please keep this list at home to practice!

Reading Workshop:

We are continuing our unit called Reviewing Just Right Books and Building Stamina. We have focused on how books sound and feel when we read them. Here's what we discovered about our reading:

Too Easy Books:

- *have no new words
- *sometimes I know the story by heart!

Too Hard Books:

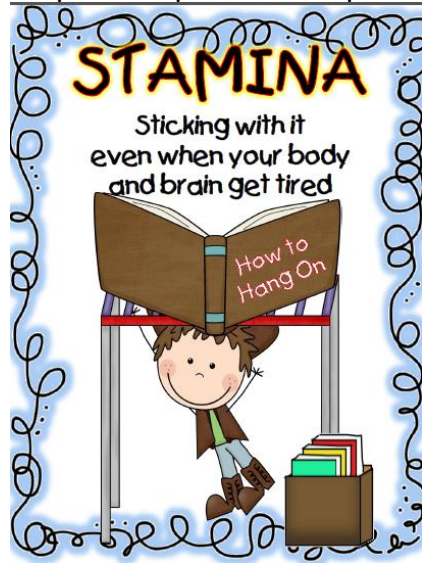
- *Are too long
- *Have too many new words
- *My reading is bumpy!
- *I feel frustrated!

Just Right Books:

- *I know almost all of the words but may need to use strategies for some words!
- *I can remember and talk about what I read in the books.
- *My reading is smooth.
- *I feel good as a reader!

This week we will be focusing on building our **reading stamina**! You can help at home by setting goals for reading each night. For example, set a timer and read for at least 5-10 minutes each night. As the nights progress, increase the amount of time that your child

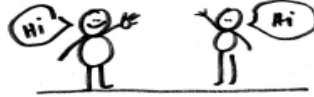
reads. At this time in the school year, students should be able to read for 20-25 minutes. This can include time reading independently and with a partner.



Writing

We are finishing up our nonfiction writing unit this week. It is amazing to see all of the students working so hard on their teaching books! This week we focused on revising introductions in our teaching books. We focused on trying to grab the readers' attention!

Introductions Can...

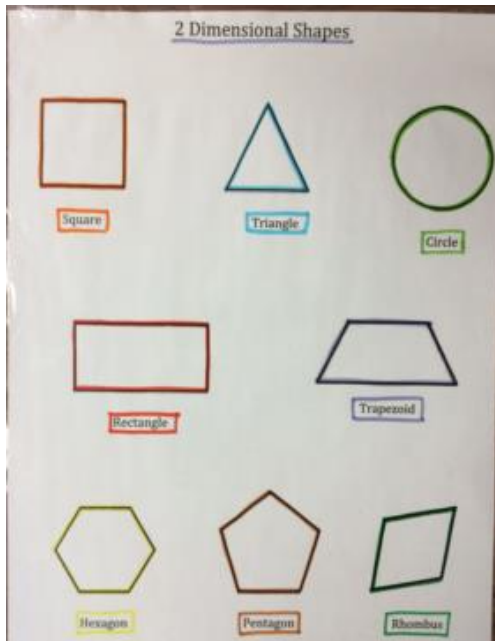
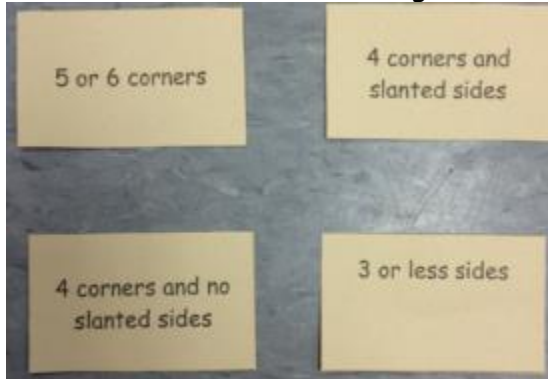


- start with a question
- start with action
- start with a story
- start with a big idea



Math

We are continuing our study of *Geometry*. We are learning about 2-D shapes. Last week we played a game called *Match the Attribute*. In the game, partners had to work together to sort shape cards to match specific defining attributes. See if you can think of 2-D shapes that would fit into these categories:



Social Studies

Thank you to Mrs. de Moura and Officer Deems for sharing their roles as community helpers to all of the first graders. We learned how emergency dispatchers and police officers work together in the community to keep people safe! Keep working on learning your address to stay safe!

Respectfully yours,
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Word Wall Words

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