



Fundations: This week, we begin Unit Four. Our new rule is the bonus letters of f, l, and s. Words with a short vowel get a bonus letter at the end (hill, mess, puff). Bonus letters do not get tapped/sounded out. These words still have three sounds. Trick words this week are: **you** and **your**.

Last call for any completed Unit 3 Home Support Packs. Look for a new Home Support Pack to come home later this week.

Reading: We will continue to take time practicing our word solving strategies. Soon this practice will turn into habits as we read more and more independently. If your child gets stuck on a word, try to coach him/her through it rather than just telling him/her the word. Thus far in Foundations we have only worked with short vowel sounds in words. As you know, books do not contain only short vowel sounds. This week we will learn that if we try reading a word with its short sound and it doesn't work, we have another sound to try, the long sound! Long vowels say their names! Long sounds often work for vowel pairs too! We will also learn how to determine what the lesson or moral is that the author wants us to learn. Most fiction stories we read have a theme or general idea that we can identify. When reading books at home, see if there is a lesson the author wants you to learn.

Writing: We will learn about the Diwali holiday! We can use photos and text to write important information about the holiday in complete sentences. We will also begin to work on writing personal narratives. These are stories that use picture and words to tell about an event from our own lives. We will work on choosing one topic to write about and think about the events to write a beginning, a middle and an end to our stories!

Math: This week, we plan to finish our work in Topic 2, adding and subtracting to 10.

In addition, we counted on, so for subtraction, we can count back.

We can also use a number line to help us count forward for addition or backward for subtraction.

We solve subtraction facts using related addition facts. If I know that $7+3=10$, then I can figure out $10-3=7$.

We will use what we have learned about addition and subtraction strategies to solve word problems. What clues or words tell us that we need to add or subtract? Can we write an equation and use a strategy to solve?

Look for information to review Topic 2 for our test later this week.

Science: It's the perfect time of year to be scientists! We will use everything we have learned about scientists to investigate pumpkins! We will get a class pumpkin to investigate and answer all of our pumpkin questions! We can make a hypothesis or guess and find out how tall our pumpkin is? How many rows of seeds it has? How big around it is? These are its attributes. We can plan fair investigations to answer our pumpkin questions.



Reminders: (please see the back)

If you need to reach me by email, please contact me at ehavel@scsmustangs.org or send me a Remind message.

Our class website is whitney1h.weebly.com

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Red Ribbon Week

October 24-28

Monday: (Kick Off Monday)--- Wear Red Day to Kick Off Red Ribbon Week.

Tuesday: (Unique You Tuesday)--- Wear Mismatched Clothing or Socks

Wednesday: (Restful Wednesday)---Wear Pajamas

Thursday: (Happiness is bright colors)--- Wear Colors of the Rainbow

Friday: (Family Friday)--Wear Whitney T-Shirts

- Happy Diwali to all who are celebrating! Feel free to share any photos!
- Greet and Treat is tonight, October 24, at Pat Catan Stadium.
- Students *MAY* wear halloween costumes to school on Monday. If your child chooses to come in costume, he/she will stay in it for the duration of the day. We will not be changing in or out of costumes. Please make sure he/she is comfortable and knows how to "operate" the costume to go to the bathroom. If your child will be uncomfortable or you are worried about the costume, you can opt for a Halloween or Whitney shirt instead! (Costume masks may be brought for the parade and party, but will not be worn to/during school. No costume weapons.)
 - Parents may come see the students parade around the parking lot at 2:00.
 - Class parties are at 2:15. Only assigned parents may attend.
 - Please do not send any extra candy or treats unless you have been assigned for the party.
- There is no school on Tuesday, November 8th for Election Day!
- Picture Retakes will be on November 9th.

Repeat items:

- Green folders should come every afternoon and be returned to school each morning (even if they are empty).
- Reading logs (calendar format) will be checked each Monday. Students with marked logs receive a sticker and green dojo for the week. If you forget, please send the next day.
- Library books are due back each Thursday. Please remember your book so that you can get a new one!
- If you have not completed your school forms via your child's PASS account, please log in and do so. It is called the 2022-2023 Update. If you need your PASS account information, please contact the office.
- Please see Mrs. Hawk's newsletter for a link to join PTA. You do not have to attend meetings to be a member. They would love to have your support!
- Water bottles are allowed during the day but should be completely closeable (screw on lid). *Please do not send juice or soda, unless it's to be taken to lunch.*
- Your student may bring a **snack** to eat in the morning during breakfast. Please pack his/her snack separate from his/her lunch to save time digging through lunches! He/she should be able to manage the snack on his/her own. Thank you!
- Your child should be practicing his/her **student ID** number.
- Take some time to practice **shoe tying** with your first grader if needed.