



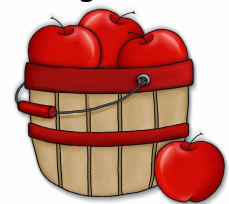
Fundations: This week, we continue our work with reading/spelling words with digraphs (wh, ch, sh, th, ck). These are still words with three sounds as a digraph is two letters stuck together that make only one sound. Use your Home Support Pack for quick reinforcement of the skill and practice. Trick words: **to, into, we, he, she, be, me.**

Reading: Students have been working hard to build habits that will help them read more independently for longer periods of time. We'll continue to practice these habits, especially the importance of asking and answering questions to think about the text and retelling the important parts of stories. This week we will practice a "five finger retell". We can hold up a finger as we remember and retell each part: characters, setting, beginning, middle and end. If we have used all of our fingers, then we have retold well! Please practice using your five fingers to retell stories you read or listen to at home. For those of us that our reading the words ourselves, we will also work to smooth out our voice. We may have to stop and sound out words on our first reading of a page. We can reread that page and use our eyes to scoop up more words in phrases instead of reading one word at a time. A phrase is a group of words that we can read in one breath. Reread the page and make your voice smoother each time!

Writing: We will work to gather information from a illustration or photograph in order to write complete sentences about it! We can work to use details to tell more! We will also explore strategies we can use when we are unsure of spelling!

Math: In Topic 2, we will learn and practice specific strategies for addition and subtraction equations. We can use the "counting on" strategy to add, we start with the bigger number and keep counting. Example: $2+7$ We start at 7 and count up 2 more 8, 9 so $2+7=9$. This is a useful strategy when adding a small amount to a larger amount. We should always start with the larger amount in our head. We will also learn about doubles facts! $1+1, 2+2, 3+3$, etc are doubles facts. If we can learn these facts readily, we will improve our fact fluency! Please consider making and practicing doubles flashcards ($1+1, 2+2$... up to $10+10$) to help us with our speed and accuracy!

Science: It's fall and apple season! This is a great time of year to be scientist. We can learn about being scientists with apples. Scientists ask questions about something they are interested in or curious about. They also use their senses along with tools to make observations. Scientists make predictions, carry out investigations and record and share their findings!



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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- This week is red. We have P.E. class this week. Please wear/bring gym shoes.
- If you have your September Reading Log (calendar), filled out, please send it back (if not sent back on Monday). I like to add these up so the students can see how much reading they are doing!
- I am saving Topic 1 math assessments and Foundations Unit 2 test for conferences. You will get them when we meet. If we are not meeting, they will be sent home.
- This Friday's Spirit Day is Cleveland Guardians Day! Wear your Guardians gear or colors!
- Conferences will be held the evenings of October 6th and October 12th. Please use the link for the sign up genius to sign up for a time.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4ca9ab2ca7fa7-fall2>

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.