

News from Room 42

For the week of September 14th-18th

In writing this week, we learned all about writing vignettes, or small moment stories. These will help the students as they go to write their longer narrative pieces. We've also studied a mentor text to help us become better writers. The students brainstormed strategies the mentor used in their book that they will try using when writing their stories. Some of those strategies we came up with together were:

- Use powerful "WOW" words
- Use transition words
- Include a problem and solution
- Make sure our stories have a beginning, middle, and end
- Use dialog
- Be sure to use correct capitalization and punctuation

The students recorded these "Mentor Strategies" in their writer's notebooks to remind them what good writers include in narratives. If you have a moment at home over dinner, ask your child about a vignette they have been working on. They have been so creative writing them!

Spelling words for our test on 9/18

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| 1. climb | 11. kite |
| 2. minding | 12. prime |
| 3. pies | 13. pride |
| 4. die | 14. slice |
| 5. height | 15. twice |
| 6. sight | 16. wipe |
| 7. fright | 17. pry |
| 8. slight | 18. sly |
| 9. drive | 19. shy |
| 10. file | 20. spy |

Announcements:

- School Picture Day- Sept. 25th
- Nov. 10th- Picture Retakes
- Parent Information Night- Wednesday, September 16!
 - Free meal will be provided along with games and prizes!

Language Arts

- Skill of the week- Cause and Effect
- "A Crash Course..." Comp Quiz- 9/17
- Vocab, Spelling and Reading Assessment 9/18

Math

- Topic 2 Math Assessment will be on Monday, Sept. 14th
- Tuesday we'll begin Topic 3:
 - Meanings of Mult.
 - Patterns for facts
 - Mult. Properties
 - 3 & 4 as factors

Remember...

- Please check agenda books and conduct calendars daily