

A recent Stanford study showed that recess is a profoundly important part of the school day. Organized recess programs engage students in meaningful play and prepare them to learn once back in the classroom. We will be going on the playground or for a walk outside daily. Please make sure your student is prepared by sending them to school with a sweatshirt/jacket and appropriate shoes.

**Reading**- Reading- Daily 5 is in full swing this week, with students completing all rotations independently. Guided Reading groups will begin soon!

**Writing-** Writing is one of the components that students will be doing each day. We are building our stamina for writing.

**Math-** - We have started our topic on subtraction. This proves to be a more difficult challenge than learning addition facts. However, our best strategy to use when fluently doing subtraction facts is to think of the related addition fact. We have practiced using our doubles addition facts to help us with the related subtraction problem We finished topic 3 and took the topic test. We also began topic 4 which focuses on repeated addition. This skill will prep students for the concept of multiplication and builds an immense amount of number sense.

We have been working on addition (joining) and subtraction (separating) using our story problems and part-part whole mats. I encourage students to look for important math words (in all, left, altogether….)

**Social Studies-** Community Building. We are a community of learners in a respectful, safe environment. Students are doing a great job practicing these values.

**Spelling –** We will have spelling words each week (not on holiday weeks). Challenge words are not counted but are used as extra credit. After January first the challenge words WILL count towards a grade. Extra credit is always an option; completing any of the “Speller’s Choice Menu” items (\*limit 1 per day, 5 per week).

This week was Fire Prevention Week. We were lucky to hear a presentation from NT Firefighter Croop. He reminded us about safe and unsafe fire situations, as well as practicing stop, drop and roll. Please review your fire escape plan at home!

This Months Focus

\*Next week we will celebrate Red Ribbon Week – Refer to the weekly guide sent home for a list of daily celebrations

\*Drake School’s Pennies for Patients penny drive will go through October 28th. Thank you for your generous donations!

Please Note

September 20 – Open House!

September 20-21 Book Fair

October 5 – Picture Day

October 13 – Friends of Drake Meeting @ 4 p.m.

Reminders

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Upcoming Events