

Dear Room 11 Parents,

This month, the students will learn about Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, and Ruby Bridges. I will be introducing them to the songs, "If I Had A Hammer" and "We Shall Overcome". You may want to sing these songs together because the children love to sing and also are very interested in history.

We will now start learning about opinion writing. We have talked about the art of persuasion (which they already know about!) and what it means to convince someone. The students will begin writing their own opinion pieces this week. They will end up writing an opinion piece about Martin Luther King, Jr. later in the month.

In Math, the two big strategies that I would like you to know and support at home are:

1. "Adding to Subtract" This strategy is turning a subtraction equation into an addition equation. For example: $16 - 11 = ?$ becomes $11 + ? = 16$. Addition is an easier operation for the mind. This strategy involves counting up from 11. It is still finding the "missing part".
2. "Splitting" This is making a "friendly 10" by splitting one of the addends. For example: $8 + 5$ can be made easier by thinking $10 + 3$ (splitting off 2 from the 5 to turn 8 into 10). If you would like me to further explain any of this to you, please don't hesitate to ask me any time. It's easier to see than read about!

Thank you so much!

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Volunteers This Week

W	Library 9:55-10:50	Mike Beck
TH	Art 9:55-10:50 (B Group)	Jennifer Ramsey

On The Calendar

Mon., Jan. 13	Morning Assembly led by 3rd grade - wear GREEN to school!
Mon., Jan. 20	No School - MLK Day
Tue., Jan. 21	Family Game Night 5:30-6:00 food, 6:00-7:00 games, in auditorium
Mon., Feb. 3	Morning Assembly led by 2nd Grade - wear BLUE to school!
Feb. 18-21	No School - Mid-Winter Break
Mon., Mar. 9	Morning Assembly led by 1st Grade - wear ORANGE to school!

Sight Words: **but, what, all, were, when** (look for these in daily reading)