

Dear Room 11 Parents,

Tomorrow, Mon., Oct. 7, the red homework bag will be sent home. Inside is a red folder with a reading log and a book. Your child will have written the title of the book that he/she brings home in the log. **Please keep the log in the folder at all times. We only use it at school. The bag, folder, book and log are always returned the next morning.**

You will also find a packet for the month with two math games that have been played in class. Please make copies of the math recording sheets so that you can play the math games multiple times during the month. Adjust and enrich as needed to keep them challenging and comfortable. The packet is yours to keep at home and you do not need to show me any completed activities. The math games can also be found on the Room 11 website.

As well, there is a word game using the letters in "Halloween". Your child is encouraged to make as many words as possible (anagrams). There is no need to return these. It is for fun at home.

Finally, in the red folder you will find the October Scholastic Books order form. If you want to order some books, you can easily do it online.

An important aspect of math is the ability to identify and communicate one's thinking. In the classroom, we practice sharing our thinking a lot. Thinking aloud helps students to clarify their ideas, identify the strategies they use, and hear how their peers approach a problem.

Please practice this at home, too, when you play games, solve story problems in the car, etc.: "How did you do that?" "What strategy will you use?" "Share your thinking with me." "What other strategy could you have used?"

Some of the strategies taught and discussed in class so far are:

- Knowing the fact in your head (by heart)
- Using fingers to Count All (from 1) or Count On (from the larger addend).
- Using a 10s Frame
- Using a number line
- Using blocks or other manipulatives
- Drawing a simple picture
- Using dot patterns or unorganized dots
- Doubles & Near Doubles (Doubles Plus 1)

Thank you, everyone!

Ro

Volunteers This Week

W Library 9:55-10:50	Meghan Ellis
TH Art 9:55-10:50 (A Group)	Lilian Leitersdorf

On The Calendar

Mon., Oct. 14	No School - teacher work day
Thu., Oct. 31	Halloween Parade (more info to come)
Nov. 4-15	Conferences - early 1:45 dismissal, no enrichment
Mon., Nov. 11	No School – Veteran's Day
Nov. 25-29	No School – Thanksgiving Week

This Week's Sight Words: **are, on, was, for, he** (look for these in daily reading)