

# Mrs. Catherwood's Castle News!

Word Families:

en, et, ell, ug, un, ut

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## In The Classroom:

### Hello!

Thank you to those who helped with our Cookie Voting event and our upcoming pumpkin seed counting and fall celebration. We couldn't do it without you!

### Math Stations:

We have started to show our thinking with our math work by using different strategies (tally marks, number line, counting up/back, drawing a picture, switching the partners, math mountains, writing equations, etc.). Writing just the answer is not enough! Encourage your child to always show two ways of thinking. We are also starting to dive into subtraction! Please see the parent videos online for strategies to help with showing work on homework.

### Literacy:

We have practiced re-reading books to gain better understanding and getting our minds ready to read (looking at the title, picture walk,

etc) in reader's workshop. We have been focusing on retelling a story using the words who, what, where, and why. It is important for students to list AND describe the characters, describe all the main settings, and explain the main idea.

### Writer's Workshop:

We have begun to use our 1<sup>st</sup> quarter writing rubrics to check our writing and conventions. You can find these under writing on our class website. We have also started to use plans to stretch our writing even more with a beginning, middle, and end!

### Science/Social

#### Studies:

In Science, we have started our measurement unit and have learned how to measure with a starting and ending point. We've learned to use the words shortest, longest, height, and length when describing measurements of items. We have also learned to use the "type of units" when recording a measurement. We have also had a blast on our 1<sup>st</sup> STEAM project –



\*\*\*Word Study quiz will be on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> & Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> & Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>.

Report Cards will go home Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Important Dates & Upcoming Events:

Video Conference	10-24
International Leadership Day - Dress Up & Fall Celebration Conferences	10-25
Pumpkin Seed Counting Early Release	10-28
No School	10-29
	11-8
	11-11

## Class Wishlist:

- Creation Station items
- scissors
- GLITTER or METALLIC gel pens
- Letter Writing Paper (Stationary) \$ store
- 3M Scotch painters tape (tan & wide)
- printer ink HP 56 & 57

## Crowning Behavior!

### Hip! Hip! Hooray!

"HIP! HIP! HOORAY!" to Aidan for doing his best and using lower case letters! To Nate for

using his best handwriting in his journals! What smart leaders we have!

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