

Cubs News

October 2018

Upcoming Events:

October 4 – Open House 6:30-7:30 PM

October 2-6 – Scholastic Book Fair

October 6-7 – Fall Pictures

October 15 – Teacher Planning Day
No School for Students

October 23 – Report Cards

October 25 – Trunk Or Treat 6:45- 8:00

October 31 – Halloween Pizza Party!

Notes from the Teacher

There are 2000 FREE books on your child's Reading Eggs web site. These books meet grade-specific text complexity demands for your child. There are engaging leveled questions for each book to assess reading comprehension. Please be sure your child reads at least one book each night and completes the reading comprehension quiz following each book. Fifteen minutes of reading each night is an important part of your child's weekly homework assignment. In addition to reading a book each school night, your child should be working on his One Breath Boxes. Your child's progress will be reflected on the classroom Super Improvers Chart.

What Are Word Families?

Word families are chunks of letters that make a sound (example: -an in the word can).

Readers use these chunks to decipher a multitude of words. Did you know that 37 different word families can help generate over 500 different words? These are powerful! Additionally, children will use these words as they continue to grow as a reader. When you think of words like canyon, candy, and fantastic, you can see the appeal of learning word families.

Your child will be practicing with word families throughout the school year. They will also work on word families independently with books in class. Each word family book that is sent home will have a QR code on it. Students can scan the code to hear the book read aloud online.

Happy Halloween

All in Good Fun

We will be collecting candy this month for our Trick-or-Treating. Cubs are also having a pizza party to celebrate Halloween!

Reading Eggs: A Brief Overview

Kindergarten Lessons Level 1: Lessons 1-40 Starting Out set: Students learn their first reading skills. This includes learning the sounds and names of the alphabet letters, reading their first sight words. They also learn the essential phonic skills needed to read three letter words. Students will then be able to read their first simple stories featuring Sam the Ant. Level 2: Lessons 41-80 Students build on skills with a focus on short vowel words and building reading skills. Students will learn many more high frequency sight words, build word families and read another 40 books. Some of these books are nonfiction titles with a focus on building vocabulary. Level 3: Lessons 81-120 Students master long vowel words. These new phonic patterns are introduced and reinforced so that students can read them fluently and spell them correctly. There is an increased focus on reading for meaning, comprehension, and understanding longer words and sentences.