



Shaw's Informer

November 17, 2008



Reading Workshop

We will be continuing our reading of nonfiction informational texts. Our focus this week will be on precise vocabulary. (Imagery) Readers make pictures or images in their head while reading a text and think about what they understand now that they didn't before. In our guided reading groups are reading informational texts about the undersea world and discovering fossils. Ask your child to tell them some of the interesting facts they have discovered.

Writing Workshop

Our focus for the next few weeks will be feature articles. The students will be starting to search for information on their chosen topic for their feature article. We are focusing on what relevant and irrelevant information is. Our mini lessons will pertain to understanding that some information in non-fiction text is important. (relevant) Readers also notice how some information in non-fiction text is not important to the topic. (irrelevant)

Word Study

We have a new set of words for the week. Please ask your child about this week's words attached to their agenda. They need to practice these words at home. These are high frequency words that students in the 5th grade should know how to spell. Students use their word knowledge to not only read, but to write and spell, making connected reading and writing practice with high-frequency words. Keep up the great work!

Reading Homework

The student is still expected to read 100 minutes for homework. They have 7 days to read their 100 minutes, so they can split it up however they would like. Also, they can read a variety of materials such as: books, magazines, newspapers, etc. They can read to a family member, or on their own. Their homework paper needs to be filled out completely and signed by a parent to get full credit. It will be due on Monday mornings. Please *encourage* your child to read. Thanks!

READ, READ, READ☺

LIFE Long Guideline of the week: Friendship

REMINDER:

Scholastic Book orders will be sent in November 18th.

Need parents to help with Book Fair in December.

Have a great week!

Love,

Mrs. Shaw