

Room 213

NEWSLETTER

November 2023

Hello Room 213 Families,

Happy November! We have a new SECA in 213, Ms. Liz Henkins. Since starting a couple weeks ago, she has been an amazing asset to our team. We are thrilled to have her. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Liz!

We have a lot happening this month, so please make sure to check the table titled *Looking Ahead* on the next page. This month, our unit theme from Unique is called “People Long Ago.”

In reading, we will introduce and practice the following high frequency words: they, many, some, past, need, and do. Students will continue to work on answering basic wh questions and recognizing the beginning, middle, and end of stories. Our students who are able to read independently will work on expanding their vocabulary and reading leveled readers, while our students who are still practicing letter names and sounds will have targeted opportunities to practice those skills.

In math, students will continue to participate in calendar math time each morning. During group math time, we will continue practicing counting to 100, by 1’s, 10’s and 5’s. During work time, students will work on their IEP specific goals related to number recognition, counting, or math functions. Additionally, we will be discussing patterns.

In Science, we will be talking about animals and how they adapt to their environment. We will also extend our learning to include lots of animal crafts and songs.

In Social Studies, we will be discussing history, with a focus on the first Thanksgiving. We will also discuss gratitude and things that we are grateful for. Additionally, we will continue to explore the *News to You* current events articles and practice answering “wh” questions about these non-fiction texts.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Best,

Ms. Annika White

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Things to Note:

- As it starts to get cold outside, please remember to send your student with warm clothes, including a hat and gloves/mittens when needed. We have outdoor recess if the windchill is above 25 degrees. As a reminder, outerwear (including sweatshirts / sweaters) need to be labeled with your child's name or initials so that we can ensure all clothing items go home with the right student.
- Your child comes home with a yellow or blue folder in their backpack daily. It is critical that you check this folder daily. Please remove forms on the left side, as they are to be "left" at home. Please review forms on the right and send them "right" back to school.
- When your child comes home with dirty clothes in their backpack, please remember to send in a replacement change of clothes (including socks and underwear) for your student.
- It is cold and flu season. Please keep your child home if they are sick. This helps prevent the spread of sickness to other students. As a reminder, your child must stay home if they have a fever, and should remain home until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.
- Please continue to read with your child each night!

Looking Ahead

- Quarter 1 Awards Assemblies - Wednesday, November 8
- Veterans Day (No School) - Friday, November 10
- Quarter 2 Progress Reports Sent Home - Friday, November 17
- Week of Thanksgiving (No School) - Monday, November 20 — Friday, November 24
- End of Quarter 2 - Thursday, December 21
- School Improvement Day (No School for Students) - Friday, December 22
- Winter Vacation (No School) - December 25 - January 5