

Room 213

NEWSLETTER

October 2023

Hello Room 213 Families,

Happy October, Happy Down Syndrome Acceptance Month, and Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Awareness Month! We have a lot to celebrate as we are wrapping up our 7th week of school. This month, our unit theme from Unique is called “Move It!”

In reading, we will introduce and practice the following high frequency words: make, in, her, them, she, fast, move, now, play, it, and along. 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.

In Science, we will be talking about the science of movement and how muscles help our bodies move. We will also extend our learning to play movement based games to facilitate peer interaction and practice following models and verbal directions.

In Social Studies, we will utilize the *News 2 You* extension of our curriculum to explore current events and practice answering “wh” questions about these non-fiction texts. Some of the articles we have been and will continue exploring are related to upcoming holidays and events, like Down Syndrome Acceptance Month and Indigenous People’s Day. Other current event articles coming up are related to the circus and animals.

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

Best,

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Things to Note:

- Your child comes home with a yellow or blue folder in their backpack daily. Please check it for important notes, forms, and updates, and send it 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.
- Please continue to read with your child each night!

Looking Ahead

- Indigenous People's Day (No School) - Monday, October 9
- Healthy Student Market - Thursday, October 12 (2:30-3:15)
- Picture Day - Wednesday, October 18
- Report Card Conferences (No School for Students) - Thursday, October 26 (8:45-2:45)
- Healthy Student Market - Thursday, October 26 (2:00-3:00)
- New Field 20th Anniversary Party - Thursday, October 26 (2:45-5:30)
- School Improvement Day (No School for Students) - Thursday, October 27
- Quarter 1 Awards Assemblies - Friday, November 3
- Veterans Day (No School) - Friday, November 10
- Week of Thanksgiving (No School) - Monday, November 20 — Friday, November 24