



October 14, 2019  
Dear Parents,

This week will be an extension to our units that were covered the week before the break: Following is a list of our week's "new" learning:

- We have two basal reader stories this week: The Ugly Vegetables is a story about community and friendship, and They Really are GIANT! Is a story about huge plants from real gardens. I thought this would be the perfect reading to introduce fall, crop plants that include pumpkins and gourds. Did you know these plants are in the family Cucurbitaceae? Words to know: blooming, wrinkled, shovels, plain, scent, muscles, tough, nodded.
- In science, we will begin our seed investigation in an effort to determine if plants need sunlight and water to grow. This unit involves a lot of measuring and graphing.
- Our math focus this week is a review of module 2's lesson 10 - which involves applying our understanding of measurement by solving two-step word problems - For 2<sup>nd</sup> graders it can be tricky, however, we're getting the hang of it. If you are interested in learning how I teach math; especially with our new math program, please join me for an after school workshop on Wednesday, October 23rd @ 3:15. If you plan on attending, send me an email so I can plan accordingly. Thanks!
- Grammar for the week will be homophones (so fun!!). This is a two week unit.
- Phonics focus - VC/CV rule - I refer to it as the rabbit rule - rab/bit.

Long a: ai, ay as indicated on the spelling list.

- Guest Readers are: Markus Winkler on Monday, Whitney Cook on Wednesday, and Kimberly LeBoeuf on Thursday.
- Thank you, Mrs. Cook for organizing our first party - We look forward to a wonderful Halloween party. Please let me know if I can assist in any way.
- It's already time for our first conference - be sure to sign up. I look forward to seeing you. ☺

Have a wonderful week!  
Linda Hall