

# 1-DG Update

## November 22, 2023

### Reminders:

November 23-27: Thanksgiving Break

November 27: Professional Day No School

Note: A Thanksgiving Break BINGO challenge and a Ziploc bag of books was sent home today. The BINGO sheet can be returned by Wednesday, November 29 for your child to receive a prize! Thank you!

### **Highlights of our week**

- We focused on the **-op** chunk (**operation, popcorn, shop**).
- We learned the poem "Popcorn."
- We read The Popcorn Book, by Tomie de Paola. We estimated how many small, medium and large cups it would take to move popcorn kernels from one large container to another one. We then scooped the kernels and moved them to check our estimates.
- Our new *Foundations* unit focuses on adding the suffix *s* to a baseword. We learned that sometimes the suffix *s* sounds like /s/ as in snake, but sometimes it sounds like /z/ as in bugs. When writing these words, we mark the baseword by underlining it and then circle the suffix *s*. Above the suffix *s* we indicate whether the sound is /s/ or /z/. Our new trick words: *are* and *were*.
- In reading workshop, we learned that word detectives watch out for vowel teams, two vowels side by side, like *ee* or *ea*. Vowel teams work together to make one sound. *ee* and *ea* usually spell the long *e* sound. We found many of these words in the book The Case of the Beep.
- After reading Turkey Trouble, by Wendi Silvano, the first graders creatively disguised paper turkeys using markers. Some cute trees, ninjas, bunnies, disco balls, superheroes, princesses, etc. (a.k.a. turkeys in disguise) may make it safely through Thanksgiving without becoming a meal thanks to these clever disguises!
- During social studies we explored the idea of needs versus wants. We read the book What Do I Need?, by Bobbi Kalman. We did an activity on Seesaw where we sorted items by needs and wants. We then read the book Those Shoes, by Maribeth Boelts and discussed the importance of kindness and taking care of others in our community. Finally, we wrote cards thanking the special people in our lives who take care of our needs and wants. Hopefully your children will present these cards to family members during your Thanksgiving celebrations
- In math we solved problems involving combinations of nine and ten. We also did a *Dot Addition* game, filled a turkey outline with pattern blocks and completed a variety of Thanksgiving themed math activities.
- We participated in Sprague School's first Fun, Run, Walk! See photos in google folder! Thanks for sending in donations!

**Note:** As the winter holiday season quickly approaches, I would like to extend an invitation for parents to come in at 8:45 a.m. as special guest readers to read a picture book relating to their family's holiday traditions or celebrations. Please write me an e-mail or send a note in your child's Home/School folder letting me know dates that are good for you and what story you would like to share. Please also contact me if you would like to read a book in honor of your child's birthday or half-birthday. Thanks!

-Dara Gaul