



# Mrs. McKenna's Newsletter



November 18, 2016

## This Week in ELA:

This week in reading, we practiced writing and recognizing *jump* and *run*. We read and illustrated Little Boy Blue and practiced finding *nouns* in our poem. We learned that a noun is a person, place, or thing. In writing workshop, we used a mentor text to teach us about good "How To" writing. We got ideas like making important words **bold** or giving our pictures labels and captions. We are also working on building our writing stamina and independence. We want to keep our pencil/crayon in our hand and write letters for the sounds we hear, even if there is no teacher to help us.

## This Week in Math:

This week in math, we began distinguishing the difference between 2-D (flat) and 3-D (solid) shapes. We learned the names: cube, cylinder, sphere, and cone. Help your child identify these in your home.



## This Week in Social Studies:

We have begun our "Then and Now" unit and are learning what life was like long ago. We know that clothes, transportation, and school looked very different. We will continue exploring this topic in the coming weeks investigating how things have changed over time. We are excited for our field trip to the Little Red Schoolhouse.



## Important Dates:

- 11/22 Ms. Papadopoulos's Last Day ☹️
- 11/23-11/25 Thanksgiving Break
- 11/30 Field Trip to Little Red Schoolhouse



## Announcements:

- If you would like to send in a warmer change of clothes, feel free to do that and we will send back the ones from August.
- A list of homework suggestions is on the website next to the newsletter tab. These are entirely **optional!**
- We are having some trouble keeping up with water bottles. If you send one, please write your child's first and last name on it. Please know you are **not** required to send one in! They are mainly useful during the hottest months. ☺️



## Home Talk:

We have begun learning about life long ago. Please see the insert in your child's folder for a special project we have coming up. We'd love for our students to interview someone much older than themselves to learn how life has changed over time. Please see the hard copy for more information!



Each week, teachers will pick a student who has done a great job being a "bucket filler," or a kind friend. This week, our bucket filler is: **Aaliyah Scott**



No November birthdays! ☹️