 **Mrs. Ricks’ Classroom News**

**Week of August 28th**

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| **Phonics Skill:**  -Spell words with short vowels a, e, i, o, u  -Tricky heart words for the week: **so, no, of** (Tricky heart words are words we can’t sound out. We have to know them by heart. We practice spelling and reading our heart words.)  **Reading:**  -Independently read a passage containing short vowel words and answer questions pertaining to the story  -Review cvc (consonant, vowel, consonant) words and nonsense words  **Handwriting:**  -S, s, Z, z, H, h (Practice correct letter formation)  **Grammar:**  -Review nouns  **Knowledge and Writing:**  -We will continue to read fables and discuss characters, setting, plot, and the moral of each. We will then complete a writing activity for each of the fables.  -Our fables for the week include: **“The Wolf in Sheep’s Clothing, The Fox and the Grapes, The Little Half-Chick, and The Crowded Noisy House”**  -Vocabulary words we will focus on from our fables are: **disguise, fleece, flock, pretend, prowled, bunch, juicy, lunged, pluck, ripe, abandoned, brood, stream, stubborn, waste, advice, pondered, stunned**  **Math:**  -Topic 1- Solve addition and subtraction problems using multiple strategies  **Core:**  -Maps and Continents (Directions, Map Symbols and Keys, Equator, Poles and Hemispheres, Learn interesting facts about each of the 7 continents) | **Upcoming Dates:**  **Monday, 9/04-** No School- Labor Day  **Wednesday, 9/06-** I will have a substitute in my classroom this day while I am assessing my students with DIBELS.  **Thursday, 9/07-** School Picture Day    **Book Buddies:**  My class will be book buddies with Mr. Tarr’s 4th grade class. Book buddies will start on 9/08 and be every other Friday. The kids are excited to have an older buddy read to them.  **Specials Schedule:**  Monday, 8/28- P.E./Music  Tuesday, 8/29- Art  Wednesday, 8/30- Music/P.E.  Thursday, 8/31- Tech/Library  Friday, 9/01- P.E./Music |