 **Mrs. Ricks’ Classroom News**

**Week of September 18th**

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| **Phonics Skill:**  -Read and spell words using digraphs **“th”** and **“-ng”**  -Tricky heart words for the week: **said, says**. We will review these tricky words:  **so, no, of**, **all, some, from, word,** **are, were, have, one, once, do, two, the, who.** (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:**  -We will read passages and books containing words with digraphs **“th”** and **“-ng”** during guided reading group.  **Grammar:**  -Identify common and proper nouns  **Knowledge and Writing:**  -Our Knowledge Unit is “The Human Body” and ties into our Core. Writing will be incorporated during this unit so students can display their understanding of each of the systems.  -We will learn about the Nervous System and identify the brain as the body’s control center. New vocabulary: **brain, nerves**  -We will review important vocabulary words related to the skeletal system, muscular system, digestive system, and the circulatory system: **human, network, organs, oxygen, systems, joint, skeleton, skull, spine, support, involuntary, muscles, tendons, voluntary, digestion, esophagus, intestine, stomach, blood, blood vessels, heart, pulse**  **Math:**  -Finish up Topic 2- Add and Subtract Using Multiple Strategies  -Take Topic 2 math test | **Core:**  -Finish up Human Body/Health Unit (Our major body systems, ways to care for our body, food groups, germs)    **Upcoming Dates:**  **-Friday, September 22nd-** Literacy Professional Development for Teachers, No School  **-Friday, September 29th-** Wellness Day  **-October 9th-13th-** Book Fair and Canned Food Drive  **-October 12th, 16th, 17th-** Parent Teacher Conferences  **Monday, October 16th-** Vision and Hearing Screening  **Tuesday, October 24th-** Class Picture Day      **Specials Schedule:**  Monday, 9/18- Music/P.E.  Tuesday, 9/19- Tech/Library  Wednesday, 9/20- P.E./Music  Thursday, 9/21- Art  Friday, 9/22- No School |