 **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/LibraryWednesday, 9/20- P.E./MusicThursday, 9/21- ArtFriday, 9/22- No School |