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From Ms. Palesty's Desk...

This month's GlobeTrotter Times focuses on the importance of sight words. Sight words are a list of words that are most frequently seen throughout various texts. In order for students to become adequate readers, they must first learn to read sight words. Although there are many other factors in literacy acquisition, learning the sight words is the foundation. Through learning these words, students will also improve their communicative skills amongst peers and adults. The most common and basic way to familiarize your students/children with the sight words is to present them in a flashcard drill and practice format, however in this edition of the GlobeTrotter Times, our fabulous ENL pedagogue, Ms. Melecio, provides alternative, interactive ways to help students learn and own these words. Please reach out to your child's teacher or your ENL colleagues for more information on the impact of sight words and strategies to help ensure our children become lifelong readers!

Special Events in November

* Monthly ENL Parent Engagement- Tuesday, November 28th, at 2:30 in room 230

* Saturday Academy: November 11th, 18th

* Election Day: November 7th, students do not attend the school

* Parent Teacher Conference: November 16th, 2017

* Thanksgiving Recess- schools closed: November 23-24

Sight Words

Sight words are "critical to reading not only because they are used so frequently, but also because many of them cannot be easily sounded out". Sight words are just words that children have to learn to read and recognize. For our beginner readers in our class, we introduce the sight words in many fun and unique ways. Students feel like they're are playing games, but are really taking the first step to being independent readers.



In our class, we practice creating the sight words by using fruit loop cereal and/or playdough. Students can play the game roll a sight word, where they roll a dice, write the sight word, and then create it with fruit loops. Students can also use play dough to create words. These hands on techniques make learning fun for our beginner readers.



Practicing sight words at home is also crucial for becoming a reader. Here are some fun and different ways to practice your sight words at home.

1. Build the sight words in rice. (Place some uncooked rice in a plate and use your fingers to build the words)
2. Look through old magazines, can you locate your sight words? Cut them out and paste them in notebook.
3. Rainbow Writing. (Pick 4 crayons, write each of the sight words with the 4 different crayons) You'll have a rainbow of sight words!

By Ms. Melecio



Websites of the Month

- * www.funbrain.com
- * <http://en.childrenslibrary.org>
- * <http://www.literacycenter.net/>
- * http://www.thestorystarter.com/jr_
- * www.highlightskids.com

Did you know.....?

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North America



- * North America is the 3rd largest continent.
- * Most North Americans speak English, Spanish, or French.
- * North America was named after the explorer Americo Vespucci
- * Mexico City, Mexico is the largest city in North America.
- * Mount McKinley, in Alaska, is the tallest point on the continent.
- * Death Valley, in California, is the lowest point on the continent
- * North America is the only continent that has every kind of climate.
- * The first letter sent from North America was by John Rut
- * Hollywood is known as the cinema capital city of the world

From the Students Desk....:



November is the month to give Thanks and be thankful. Being Thankful means being appreciative of what you have.

Class 1-103 is Thankful for Many Different things!

I am thankful for my son, my family and my health - **Ms. Melecio**

I am thankful for my mom and grandma- **Jewl**

I am thankful for mom, dad, brother and airplanes - **Adrian M**

I am thankful for Spiderman - **Isael**

I am thankful for my mom, dad, grandma and grandpa who pick me up every day from school- **Alex**

I am thankful for my family and for toys- **George.**

I am thankful for my family and for Ms.Melecio- **Zofia**

Class 1-103 wants to know what you're thankful for this month?

