

# What's News in Mrs. Deeren's class?

October 13, 2023

Hello, Team! How about these fall colors?! Can you believe it is already the middle of October?

## ELA (English Language Arts)

We have started Unit 2, and we are exploring persuasive text. The kids have all written a persuasive letter, and we will continue to practice. Phonics focus for this week is long /i/ and long /u/. Spelling words use the i, ie, igh, and i\_e spellings, and ew, u, u\_e, spellings for the long vowel sounds. You can also log on to IXL at home and practice skill plans! That will get them closer to accomplishing their goals for this semester. Ask your child "thinking" questions about what they are reading. Readers should know how to identify the author's purpose and text features. Grammar focuses are compound sentences and singular and plural nouns.

## Math

Our curriculum focus is on measurement. We are measuring time as well as grams and kilograms. We continue to focus strongly on number sense and word problems. The kids are doing great! One of the most helpful things you can do at home with your student is review addition, subtraction, and multiplication flashcards. Just 10

minutes a night helps so much! Without these skills, it will be difficult to move forward with more difficult mathematical concepts.

### Other good stuff

Conferences are November 1st. A sign-up is coming shortly. Continue to send Halloween letters back so I can plan for the party. Parents are welcome! Just let me know in the letter if you plan to attend. I can't thank you enough for trusting me with your little learners. Enjoy your weekend!

Sincerely,  
Kimberly Deeren