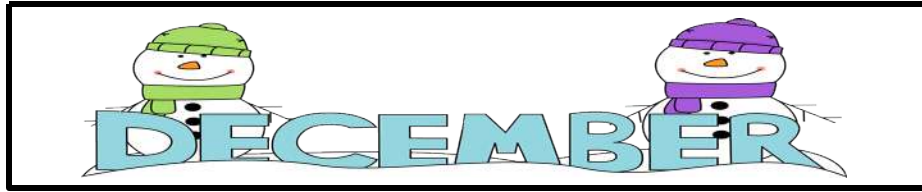


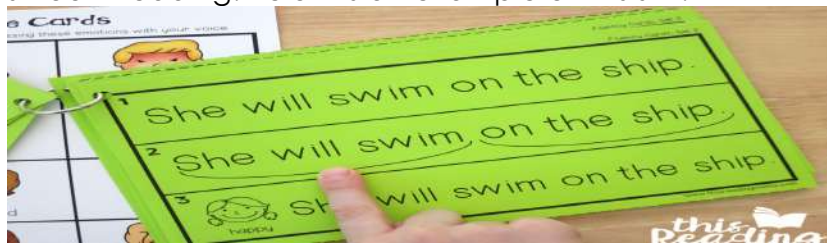
Grade 3 Phonics



Major Concepts

We use both the Foundations Reading Program as well as the Wilson Reading System to practice phonics. This month, we have focused on **glued sounds** (listed below). Glued sounds are when a group of letters make specific sounds when they are found together in a word. We mark these by boxing them in a word. Lastly, we have continued to review and learn **trick/sight** words. These are words that do not follow typical spelling patterns that must be memorized (what, is, come). The best way to practice these words is through multi-sensory activities like play-doh, acting out, or anything that is hands on!

We are also continuing to improve our reading fluency. Students have learned to scoop sentences and passages into phrases. This helps students to look at a sentence and read it in 3-5 word phrases instead of one word at a time. This creates a more smooth reading. Below is an example of this skill.



Current Vocabulary

Glued/Welded Sounds: group of letters that make specific sounds

Trick/Sight Words: words that cannot be sounded out and must be memorized

Nonsense Words: words that are not real, but follow spelling patterns. They help students practice concepts.



At Home Practice

- ✓ Practice spelling concepts in multi-sensory ways- use color patterns, make them in foam, sand or play-doh, use flash cards and trace them with your finger!
- ✓ Have your child read texts aloud. Read old books over and over again to practice fluency!
- ✓ Play games with spelling words! Check out my website- "At Home Connections" for ideas!