What We Are Working On

**ELA:** In Unit 3, students will read a variety of literary and informational texts which are connected to the big idea, Unique. Through these texts, students will be introduced to unique cultures, environments, plants, and animals from around the world, and focus on the qualities that make them unique. The essential question, "What does it mean for something, someplace, or someone to be unique?", connects the texts through literary and informational anchor standards. Leveled readers provide additional opportunities for students to read and compare texts on the same topics, all related to unique cultures, environments, plants, and animals.

**Math:** Unit 3 focuses on strategies for multi-digit addition and subtraction within the range of 0 to 100. The first module emphasizes the number line model and encourages students to develop the strategy of using "skip-jumps" based on multiples of 5 and 10. The second module continues to use the number line as a computational tool through which students add and subtract 2-digit numbers. The third module focuses on addition and subtraction but uses the base ten structure (collecting ones and tens). Finally, the fourth module requires students to determine the frequency with which various colored objects appear in a bag and to graph the data.

**Science:** A retaining wall has collapsed in Baltimore City. The engineering firm Whitman, Requardt, and Associates (WRA) has determined that the mortar holding the bricks together was weakened. This caused the wall to become structurally unsound and collapse. The job of the students is to create a more durable mortar mixture and wall design. Students will follow the engineering design process to determine the best mixture for their mortar, plan a design for a wall, build it, and then test for strength.

Classroom Reminders
Remember to have your child bring a **charged** device, and **filled** water bottle each day.

Shout Outs

**Congratulations to our Paw Pride Winners for the month of November.**

- Ava B.
- Rex R.
- Wyatt J.
- Ella C.
- Jackson B.
- Kassidy W.
- Olivia S.
- Sawyer R.
- Autumn P.

Birthdays

- Emma H 12/20
- Ryleigh B. 12/24
- Xander S. 12/30