



2nd Grade Family Newsletter

Mission: Elk Meadows Falcons are growing to be resilient, lifelong learners.

Social Skill: Controlling Emotions through "I Feel" statements

Date: January 8, 2024

ELEMENTARY

Upcoming Grade-Level Events

- **No School** Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, Jan. 15
- **No School** Grade Transmittal Tuesday, Jan. 16
- **Falcon Fun Day** Thursday, Feb. 1 (more information to come)

Math

Focus: I can subtract using a picture or expanded form.

<p>Step 1</p> $\begin{array}{r} 64 = 60 + 4 \\ - 28 = 20 + 8 \\ \hline \end{array}$	<p>Step 2</p> $\begin{array}{r} 50 \quad 14 \\ 64 = \cancel{60} + \cancel{4} \\ - 28 = 20 + 8 \\ \hline \end{array}$	<p>Step 3</p> $\begin{array}{r} 50 \quad 14 \\ 64 = \cancel{60} + \cancel{4} \\ - 28 = 20 + 8 \\ \hline 30 + 6 = 36 \end{array}$
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Home Connection: Ask your child which strategy they like the best and have them explain to you how it works.

Language Arts

Focus: I can identify other vowel phonemes in syllables (/ōō/ as in ooze, /oi/, /ou/, /ōō/ as in book, /aw/).

Examples:

ooze, true, zoo
toy, void, coin
ouch, plow, cow
book, wood, should, foot

Some vowel sounds are not categorized as long, short or r-controlled. These vowel sounds are called "other" vowels.

Other Vowels

I know the phoneme...

/ōō/	is the first phoneme in ooze .	
/oi/	is the first phoneme in oink .	
/ou/	is the first phoneme in ouch .	
/ōō/	is the middle phoneme in book .	
/aw/	is the first phoneme in awesome .	

Science

Focus: This year the students will be rotating through 3 different units in science. They will be learning about Solids & Liquids, Sand, Pebbles & Silt, Insects & Plants.

Hill: Insects & Plants

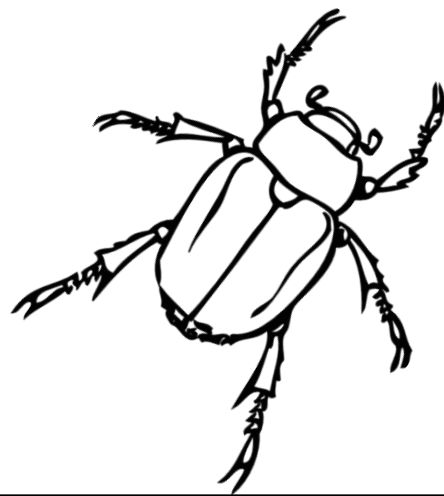
Insects and plants have life cycles.

Olsen: Solids & Liquids-

Matter is everywhere.

Snow: Sand, Pebbles, & Silt

Rocks are formed by weathering.



Power Standards

Math Focus:

OA2: Fluently add and subtract within 20 using mental strategies.

Language Arts Focus:

RI/RL2.1: I can ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.

Family Connection/Additional Information

- Remember to **read 20 minutes each night** and record and initial in the take home folders.