



OCTOBER NEWS

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHER:

What a fun week we have had! We learned about the letters “Ee,” “Hh,” and “Rr.” In science, the students learned about the life cycle of an apple, discovered that apples float in water, and exploded apple volcanoes! We learned about circles, tens-frames, and sorting in math.

EVENTS

10/4 and 10/15- AimsWeb Testing

10/11 **No School**- Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day

10/14 Picture Day ☺

10/21 Wear **YELLOW** for respect!

10/25-10/29 Red Ribbon Week

REMINDERS

*Please have your child keep an extra mask in their backpack at all times. This helps when our masks get wet or dirty.

*IPads should be sent to school every day fully charged. We will be using them more and more as the school year continues. Thanks for your help!

*Toys should be left at home. They are distracting and could get lost. Thank you!

LEARNING FOCUS

ELA- We are learning about the letters “Mm” and “Dd”. We will recognize them, learn their sounds, build them, write them, and draw objects that begin with them in our journals.

Math- We will practice one to one correspondence, explore rectangles and squares, and we will learn about number stories.

Heggerty- We are learning how to identify rhyming words.

Science- We are going to learn about fire safety this week.

Social Studies-We will be learning about pond habitats.

SEL-We are learning about how to be a good friend.

ReadyGen-We will be reading the story **Life in a Pond** and discussing animals, bugs, and flowers that can found at/in a pond.

Technology-Please take time to complete the attached steps to give your child access to the programs in the NLSD Student Technology Portal. It is imperative that you complete all of the steps listed for each program so your child is able to participate during class time.



It has been brought to our attention that a number of student iPad programs are not ready to use in the classroom due to passwords/emails not being entered or saved. The below directions were sent home with the iPads. If you completed all of the steps listed in the paperwork that accompanied the iPad, you should not need to redo the below steps. If, however, you did not complete the steps listed under each program below, please continue reading.

First, go to **settings** on your child's iPad. Next, select **passwords** from the menu on the left side of the screen. Then, choose to **autofill passwords** by sliding the toggle to the on position. Finally, complete all of the steps listed below for each program. By doing this, your child will be able to easily access these programs during class time. We are kindly requesting your help with this task and thank you greatly for your assistance.

NLSD Student Technology Portal

1. SAML sign in
 - a. Username: **122FIRSTNAMELASTNAME** (i.e. 122JOHNSMITH)
 - b. Password: **nlzd(student ID #)** (i.e. nlzd54321)
2. Touch "SAVE PASSWORD"



NLSD Student Technology Portal gives access to the following:

★ Learning Without Tears

- Touch "Learning Without Tears" icon
- Sign in to google using this email: firstname.lastname@students.nlsd122.org (i.e. johnsmith@students.nlsd122.org)
- Touch "next" and "accept"
- Follow directions to enter the program for the first time
- Touch "My Tools" to build and practice letters and numbers



Learning Without Tears

★ Learning A-Z - Leveled Reading Practice

- Touch "Learning A-Z"
- Notifications - select "Don't Allow"
- Touch the "Level Up!" building that is attached to the planet.
- When your student completes this entire library of books (by listening to and reading each book), the next level library will appear in the Level Up building.
- If the books in the "Level Up!" building are too easy for your child's reading ability, please email your teacher so that the level can be adjusted.
- Regular use of the Kids A-Z app for reading practice and development is strongly encouraged.



Learning A-Z

★ ConnectEd McGraw Hill

- Touch "McGraw Hill connectED" icon
- Enter username and password and touch "SAVE PASSWORD"
 - Username: **122FIRSTNAMELASTNAME** (i.e. 122JOHNSMITH)
 - Password: **nlzd(student ID #)** (i.e. nlzd54321)
- Touch "Everyday Mathematics Grade K" box
- Touch your class
- In the top left corner touch the "menu" bars
- Select "EM Games Online"
- Play a game!

