

### Montessori Academy

Rochester, NY

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Ms. Harris’s Classroom Newsletter

Students have been working diligently on a new program we are using, called Wordly Wise. Students are given vocabulary words that are studied through the incorporation of the use of context clues, word study (Greek and Latin roots, prefixes and suffixes, and synonyms and antonyms), reading comprehension, and writing. Another great thing that Worldy Wise allows us is a website that has the word lists, pronunciations, review, and games with the vocabulary. The website is: [www.wordlywise3000.com](http://www.wordlywise3000.com)

# 3rd Grade-Feldstein & 4th Grade

We have started reading Esperanza Rising in class. Student have been using the book to improve their reading and listening skills. Students are also learning how to determine the meaning of unknown words using context clues, affixes, and dictionaries.

I plan on finishing the book next month. Then students will write a book report based on what they read throughout the whole book. Expect to hear more about this from your child at the beginning of November.

# 5th Grade

Your student has been working very hard on planning, writing, and editing a narrative. We focused on adding descriptive details and a clear event sequence. His story came out very nice. I will be sending home a copy of the story. Please ask him to read it to you.

This month we will continue to focus on writing, but incorporate more reading about the Iroquois into our class.

# 2nd Grade

The students have been working very hard on planning, writing, and editing a narrative. We focused on adding descriptive details and a clear event sequence. I will be sending home a copy of their stories for them to share with you.

This month we will continue to focus on writing, but incorporate more reading. We will also focus on question sight words: who, what, where, when, why, and how. Students will answer questions with the words and form their own questions using the sight words.

Have you visited our classroom website? The website has my contact information, describes ESOL and the services provided, resources to give you information about ESOL services and how you can help your children learn English (even if you are not proficient in English), online resources to help your child with their English acquisition, and a calendar of events that are important for parents of ESOL students to know. Please visit our classroom website at <http://www.rcsdk12.org/Domain/9092>

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# 3rd Grade- Kester

# What’s new?