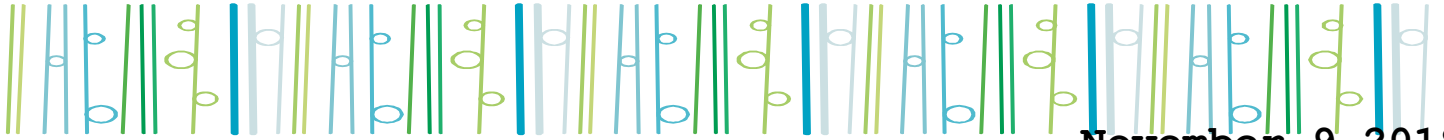


1st Grade Safari News



November 9, 2018

What's been happening in our classroom this week?

Week 14

In math, we finished up our chapter on place value and understanding that the two digits of a two-digit number represent a group of tens and ones. For example, 10 is a group of ten ones called a ten and 13 is a group of ten and 3 ones. We've practiced counting by 10's and 1's with place value blocks and have learned to do the opposite by drawing the place value blocks to represent a number.

In Reading, we've been using the key details in a literary (fiction) text to help us retell the story. We have used the 5-finger retell (see image below). We practiced identifying the major key details by using the Beginning (characters & setting), Middle (problem) and Ending (events & solution) to help us retell a story. We've also discussed the central message or lesson of the story. We ask ourselves "What is the author trying to teach me in this story?" We've discovered that there can be more than one central message. Some examples include: teamwork, perseverance, including others, etc.

In Social Studies, we continued our study of how the Native Americans (Squanto) helped the Pilgrims. We've learned that Squanto helped the Pilgrims learn to plant crops, catch fish, pick safe herbs and berries, etc.

In Writing, we are learning to indent and start our writing with a topic sentence and use temporal words (First, Next, Then, Last) to add our supporting details. We are practicing how to proofread/edit our work by color coding. We circle capitals with green and end punctuation with red. Most students have a goal of writing 4 complete sentences on their own this quarter. Also, this quarter, we are focusing on writing informational or how-to writing pieces.



Character Counts Pillar: Responsibility

Thanksgiving Feast donations:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4ca4ac2dabfe3-thanksgiving1>

Please make sure your child is reading TO you every night for at least 15 minutes!

Document it on the Reading Log.



Dates to Remember:

Nov. 12~NO SCHOOL (Veteran's Day)

Nov. 20~Thanksgiving Play @ 10:05

Nov. 21~Thanksgiving Feast; Early release @ 11:30AM

Nov. 26~Book Fair starts

Nov. 26-30~Conference Week

*Nov. 29: Dismissal @ 11:30

*Nov. 30: Dismissal @ 1:30



Homework is given out on Fridays and is due the following Friday!

Students will receive 5 Dojo points for turning in completed HW on time.



A Look Ahead to Next Week:

Reading: Main topic & key details~informational text

Trick Words: small, more, room, long, other, grow, light, right, these

CHALLENGE Words:

Squanto, pilgrims, Thanksgiving, Native Americans

Phonics: Suffixes (-s); glued sounds (-all, -am, -an)

Writing: Commas; Nouns; informative writing

Math: Equals sign; true/false equations

Science/Social Studies:

Native Americans & Pilgrims

Citizenship: self-control; responsibility