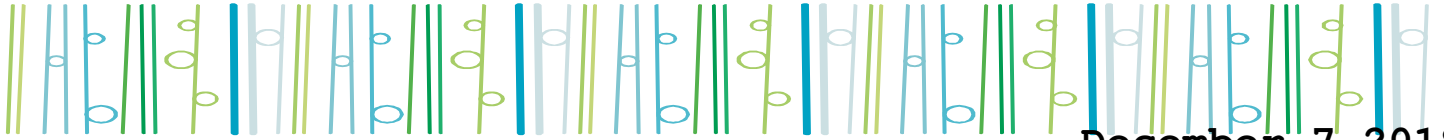


1st Grade Safari News



December 7, 2018

What's been happening in our classroom this week?

Week 18

In math, we finished up our chapter on mentally finding 10 more or 10 less than a two-digit number, without having to count. Students used their knowledge of skip counting and a hundreds chart to automatically find 10 more or 10 less without having to use our strategies to figure it out. They are reminded to use their strategies to double check their answers, though. For example, 10 more than 65 is 75 and 10 less than 90 is 80.

In Reading, we've been reading informational texts to determine and identify the main topic (what the text is mostly about) and support it by using key details (facts that we learned from the text). We learned to use a highlighter to highlight our key details in the text to prove that it is a key detail from the text (and not made up).

In Social Studies, we are learning about how Christmas is celebrated around the world in different countries and cultures. This week, we've been studying Hanukkah and Christmas in Mexico and Italy.

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 focusing on writing informational or how-to writing pieces this quarter. We are practicing how to proofread/edit our work by color coding. We circle capitals with green, circle end punctuation with red, underline nouns with yellow and underline adjectives with black. Most students have a goal of writing 4 complete sentences on their own this quarter.

Character Counts Pillar: Responsibility

Holiday Book Exchange

We will be doing a book exchange in our class on December 21st, which is the last day of the 2nd quarter.

Students who bring in a wrapped book can exchange it with another classmate. On the gift, you will only

need to note who it is from and whether it is for a boy/ girl/ either.

Please let me know ahead of time if you do not want your child to participate in this activity. Other arrangements can be made.

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:

Dec. 13~Holiday Store shopping for students with money only!

Dec. 20~Holiday rotations

Dec. 21~Dismissal @ 11:30am

Dec. 22-Jan. 7~Winter Break!



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: Retell stories with key details & central message of literary text

Trick Words: could, house, how, over, own, think, world, place, find

CHALLENGE Words: Christmas, holidays

Phonics: Suffixes (-s); glued sounds (-ang, -ing, -ong, -ung, -ank, -ink, -onk, -unk)

Writing: Commas; Adjectives; informative writing

Math: Find the missing # in +/- sentences

Science/Social Studies: Holidays around the world

Citizenship: self-control; responsibility