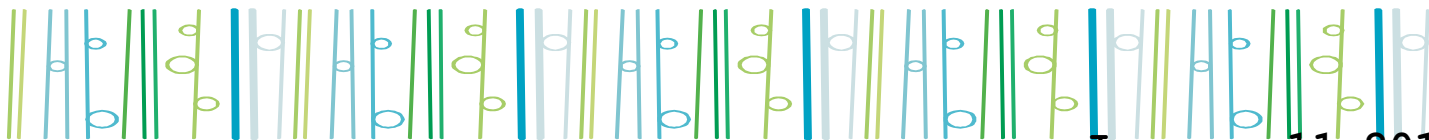


1st Grade Safari News



January 11, 2019

What's been happening in our classroom this week?

Week 21

In math, we started a new chapter on graphing. We learned that data is information that is collected and represented in different ways: tally marks, pictographs & bar graphs. We know that with tally marks, the 5th mark is a diagonal mark to make counting the tally marks faster. We also know that graphs have titles and labeled categories.

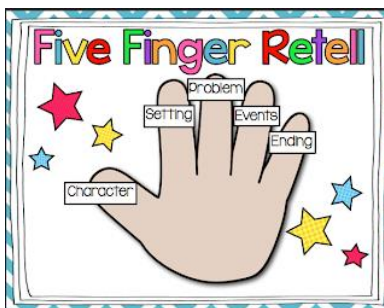
In Reading, we've been reading literary texts to think critically and create questions on our own. I am challenging us to answer our own questions already by using the key details from the text. This helps us know whether our question is a good question or not. We are referencing the Five Finger Retell to help us create our own questions.

In Science, we learned about the human life cycle and how it is a pattern in life. We know that living things, such as plants and animals, also have a life cycle. We also know that we can never go backwards in the life cycle (Ex. We can never go back to being a baby, etc.).

In Writing, we are learning to indent and start our writing with a topic sentence, use temporal words (First, Next, Then, Last, Finally,) to add our supporting details, and end with a closing sentence. 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 5 complete sentences and 1 super-sized sentence (using a conjunction) on their own this quarter.

Character Counts Pillar: Fairness

Please make sure your child is reading TO you every night for at least 15 minutes! Document it on the Reading Log.



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: Ask/answer questions with literary text

Trick Words: cow, door, horse, now, table, there, through, wall

CHALLENGE Words: timeline, cycle

Phonics: Blends, R-controlled vowels

Writing: Interrogative sentences; informative writing

Math: Graphing

Science/Social Studies:

Stages of human life cycle

Citizenship: self-control; fairness

Dates to Remember:

Jan. 14~WIN starts for those invited

Jan. 21~Martin Luther King Jr. Day;
NO school

