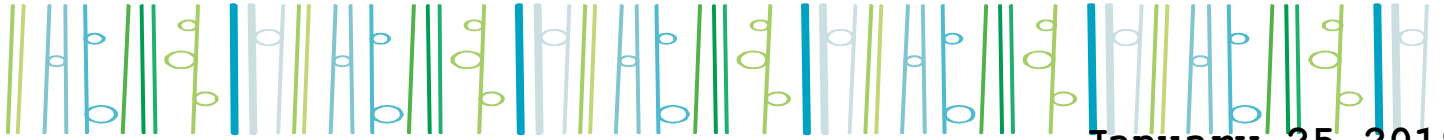


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## What's been happening in our classroom this week?

### Week 23

In math, we did a short unit on different strategies that can be used to help us fluently add within 20. Some new strategies that we focused on were: Doubles facts ( $3+3=6$ ), Doubles+1 ( $3+4=7$ ) and converting to a  $10+$  problem ( $6+5=$  \_\_\_ can be converted by making a group of 10 and adding the remaining that is left over to become  $10+1=11$ ).

In Reading, we've been reading informational texts to ask and answer our own questions. We are still using the common question words (who, what, when, where, why and how) to ask our questions. We are using our highlighters to locate the answer in the text.

In Science, we are learning about plants and their life cycles. We know that plants grow and change by following a pattern, or life cycle, like humans do. We also know that plants start out as seeds and need soil, air, water and sunlight in order to grow. This is response to stimulus. Not providing the right amount of these stimuli can affect the plant's growth and life cycle.

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, underline conjunctions with pink 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.**



Use the Sign-up Genius link to sign up for Qtr. 3 conferences, which are mandatory for all students this quarter.



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 informational texts  
**Trick Words:** Been, far, goes, soon, part, teacher, because, tiny  
**CHALLENGE Words:** soil, observation, plant, grow  
**Phonics:** Blends, R-controlled vowels, vowel teams  
**Writing:** Imperative sentences; informative writing  
**Math:** Double digit addition without regrouping  
**Science/Social Studies:** Plant life cycle  
**Citizenship:** self-control; fairness

## Dates to Remember:

Jan. 29~Double \$ for Duds

Feb. 1~Spring pictures (out of uniform)

Feb. 4-8~Conferences

Feb. 7~Dismissal @ 11:30am

Feb. 8~Dismissal @ 1:30pm

