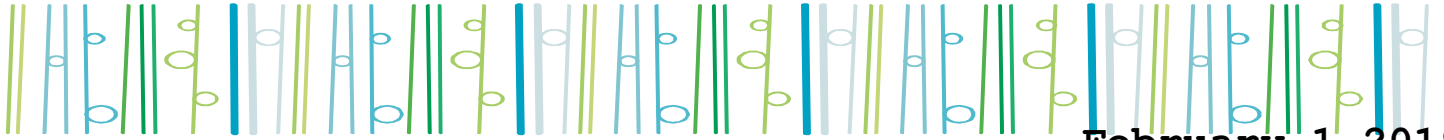


1st Grade Safari News



February 1, 2019

What's been happening in our classroom this week?

Week 24

In math, we are learning to add 2 double-digit numbers together to find the sum. We know to stack the numbers neatly in a place value chart and start adding with the ones column. We can use any of our addition strategies to work out the problem. This week, we've used base ten blocks as a manipulative as a strategy.

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 more about plants and their life cycles. We are taking care of our own seeds that we planted last week by watering them daily and making sure they get plenty of sunshine. We also learned about the parts of a plant and that each part has a job to do, especially the leaves (so photosynthesis can occur which is where plants make their own food)!

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.



Valentine's Day

In order to pass out Valentine cards faster, please have your child sign his/her name without putting the recipient's name. We have 24 students + 2 teachers!



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: Describe connections b/w 2 indiv., events, ideas or info.

Trick Words: would, there, this, they, was, were, today, them

CHALLENGE Words: plant, life cycle, groundhog

Phonics: R-controlled vowels, vowel teams (oa, oe, oi, ow)

Writing: 4 types of sentences; informative writing

Math: Double digit addition without regrouping

Science/Social Studies: Plant life cycle

Citizenship: self-control; fairness

Dates to Remember:

Feb. 4-8~Conferences

Feb. 7~Dismissal @ 11:30am

Feb. 8~Dismissal @ 1:30pm

Feb. 14~Statehood Day & Valentine's Day

Feb. 18~President's Day; NO SCHOOL!

