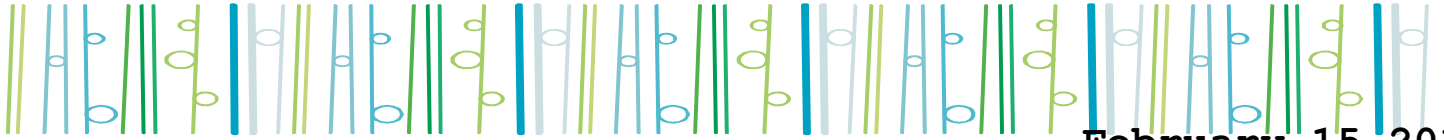


1st Grade Safari News



February 15, 2019

What's been happening in our classroom this week?

Week 26

In math, we focused on comparing 2 two-digit numbers based on the meanings of tens and ones digits and recorded the results with $<$, $>$ or $=$. We know to start comparing with the tens place to decide which number gator wants to eat (a fun way for students to understand which direction the greater than or less than symbol should be written). We also know to read the sentence from left to right. Ex. $25 < 45$ would be said as "25 is less than 45."

In Reading, we've been working on describing the connections between 2 people, events, ideas or information in a text (informational) using details. This one is a tricky one and we've been using a Venn diagram to compare and contrast the two different components. Ex: comparing & contrasting sharks and whales. The connection between the two is that both are carnivores and live in the ocean, but sharks are fish and whales are mammals.

In Social Studies, we learned key details about our 1st President, George Washington and our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln. We also compared the times of when these presidents were alive to our time. We also learned about Arizona's governor and the President of the United States.

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: Caring

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: Compare & contrast adventures & experiences of characters in stories (literary)

Trick Words: again, afraid, want, water, both, idea, bear, gone

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

Writing: Conjunctions; opinion writing

Math: Subtracting within 20

Science/Social Studies:

American symbols; habitats

Citizenship: self-control; caring

Dates to Remember:

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

Feb. 19~Double Dollar for Duds; American Symbol rotations

Mar. 1~PHES Carnival 4-9pm

Mar. 15~Field Day!

Mar. 18-26~Spring Break!

