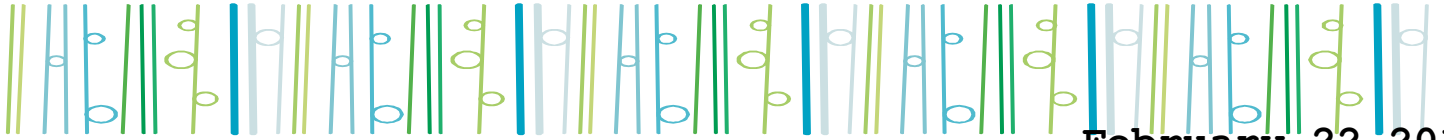


1st Grade Safari News



February 22, 2019

What's been happening in our classroom this week?

Week 27

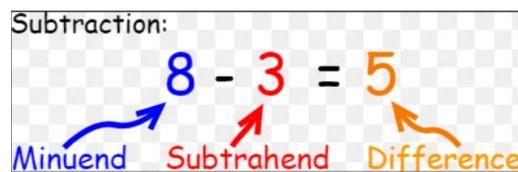
In math, we focused on fluently subtracting within 20. We learned about several strategies that we can use to solve these problems. We can draw circles in ten frames and cross them out as a visual and we also can use a number line. We also learned "Counting Up" which is where we grab the subtrahend and "count up" until we get to the minuend. This tells us the difference. Ex. $13-5=$ ____ . If we grab 5 and count up to 13 (5...6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13) that gives us 8 as our difference.

In Reading, we've been working on comparing and contrasting the adventures and experiences of characters in literary texts. We are using a Venn diagram to record our key details from the text. We are thinking deeply and not comparing the physical features/looks of the characters, but rather what the characters are doing in the story.

In Science, we are learning about different habitats and the plants and animals that live in them. We have learned about the following habitats: forest, arctic, ocean, desert, rainforest and freshwater. We also learned more about American symbols with our rotations on Tuesday and about the state symbols of Arizona.

In Writing, we are learning to write opinion pieces. We know 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 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: able, eyes, present, thoughts, began, break, laugh, head

CHALLENGE Words: vertebrate, wings, feathers, lungs

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

Writing: Expanding sentences; opinion writing

Math: Double digit subtracting without regrouping

Science/Social Studies: Habitats

Citizenship: self-control; caring

Dates to Remember:

Mar. 1~PHES Carnival 4-9pm
Early release @ 1:30pm

Mar. 15~Field Day!

Mar. 18-26~Spring Break!

