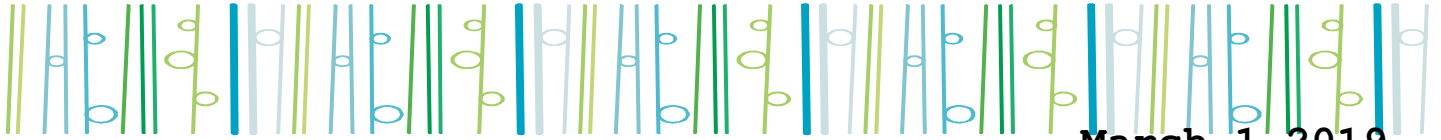


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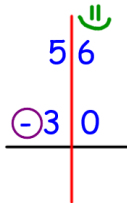


March 1, 2019

What's been happening in our classroom this week?

Week 28

In math, we focused on subtracting multiples of 10 using various strategies, such as: stacking the numbers into a place value chart, using the smiley face strategy (See below. This helps us remember to start with the ones column), using base ten blocks (and drawing them), number line, and hundreds chart.

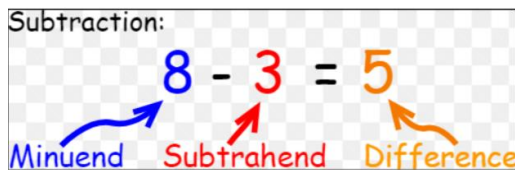


In Reading, we've been working on comparing and contrasting the adventures and experiences of characters in literary texts. We are using a Venn diagram to record our key details from the text. We are thinking deeply and not comparing the physical features/looks of the characters, but rather what the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

In Science, we are learning about different features of living things, such as: body coverings (fur, feathers, smooth skin and scales are used as protection for the animal), movement (# of legs or wings), vertebrates or invertebrates (if it has a backbone or not) and how it breathes (lungs or gills).

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.



Dates to Remember:

Mar. 6~Herpetological Society Visit (on-campus event)

Mar. 11-15~Read Across America Spirit Week (see pink flyer that went home this week)

Mar. 15~Field Day! Wear a PINK shirt to represent our class!

Mar. 18-26~Spring Break!



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: began, break, divide, head, second, laugh, sure

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:

Food chain; Animals

Citizenship: self-control; caring