

# 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Safari News

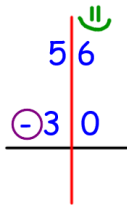


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## What's been happening in our classroom this week?

### Week 29

In math, we challenged ourselves and practiced subtracting double-digits without regrouping. We are using various strategies, such as: stacking the numbers into a place value chart (algorithm), 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.

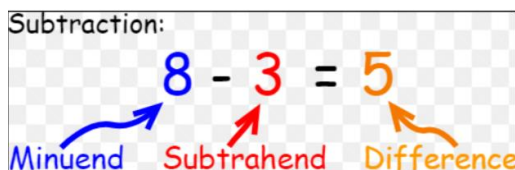


In Reading, we've been working on comparing and contrasting the adventures and experiences of characters in literary texts. We are using a Venn diagram to record our key details from the text. We are thinking deeply and not comparing the physical features/looks of the characters, but rather what the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

In Science, we are learning about how animals are classified into groups. Once animals have been sorted into vertebrates or invertebrates, then the vertebrates are then classified further into the following groups: mammals, fish, birds, amphibians, reptiles and arthropods (insects). We also learned about nocturnal and diurnal animals along with food chains.

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

Mar. 18-26~Spring Break!

Mar. 27~Students return; Qtr. 4 starts



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:** Identify who is telling the story at various points

**Trick Words:** come, want, with, play, says, away, said, again

**CHALLENGE Words:**

desert, St. Patrick's Day

**Phonics:** R-controlled vowels, vowel teams, silent e

**Writing:** Expanding sentences; opinion writing

**Math:** Commutative & Associative properties

**Science/Social Studies:**

Local plants & animals

**Citizenship:** self-control; caring