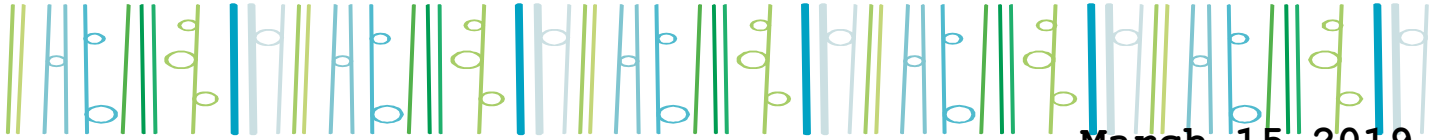


# 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Safari News



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

### Week 30

In math, we learned how to use the commutative and associative properties of addition as strategies to solve addition problems within 20. The associative property is switching the addends around and adding them together (we connected it to our prior knowledge of fact families.) (Ex.  $2+3=5$  so  $3+2=5$ ) The associative property is where we can add 3 numbers together in any order and we still get the same sum. We learned about parenthesis in math, and we know that we do the parenthesis first. (Ex.  $2+(2+3)=$  \_\_\_ which becomes  $2+5=7$  and  $(2+2)+3=$  \_\_\_ which becomes  $4+3=7$ )

In Reading, we've been working on identifying who is telling the story at various points in the text. We are looking at key words, such as pronouns and quotation marks to figure out which character is telling the story or if it is the narrator.

In Science, we learned more about local plants and animals that live in the desert. We completed our mixed-media book of different plants and animals that live in Arizona. We got to share our diorama projects, reports, Patterns in Life book and Arizona book with a kindergarten class that visited us this week.

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

**Trick Words:** took, some, then, they, should, her, play, new

**CHALLENGE Words:**

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

**Writing:** Verbs; narratives

**Math:** Missing numbers

**Science/Social Studies:**

Layers of Earth (rocks)

**Citizenship:** self-control; caring

## Dates to Remember:

Mar. 18-26~Spring Break!

Mar. 27~Students return; Qtr. 4 starts

