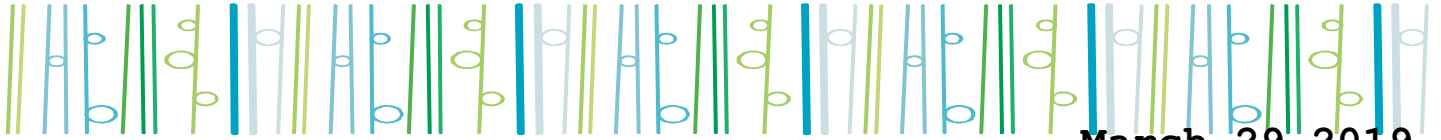


1st Grade Safari News



March 29, 2019

What's been happening in our classroom this week?

Week 31

In math, we learned how to recognize a subtraction problem as an unknown addend problem. This is just knowing how fact families is a strategy that can help us solve math equations.

Ex. $12 - 8 = \underline{\quad}$ so we can check our work and solve by creating an addition sentence: $8 + \underline{\quad} = 12$. We can use any strategy to solve for this missing addend.

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 the 3 states of matter: solids, liquids and gases. We can identify examples of each and sort objects into the correct category. We also learned that adding and removing heat can alter or change the state of matter. Ex. Adding heat will make an ice cube (solid) melt into water (liquid) and it eventually becomes steam (gas).

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: Citizenship

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 feelings and senses in stories/poems

Trick Words: blue, upon, of, who, very, went, from, came

CHALLENGE Words: solid, liquid, gas, state of matter

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

Writing: Verbs; narratives

Math: Missing numbers

Science/Social Studies:

States of matter

Citizenship: self-control; citizenship

Dates to Remember:

Apr. 19~No School~Good Friday

Apr. 22~No School~Easter Monday

Apr.29-May 3~Conference Week

*Thurs. 5/2~Early release @ 11:30

*Fri. 5/3~Early release @ 1:30

