1st Grade Safari News

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What's been happening in our classroom this week?

Week 6

In math, we have been learning about fact families or related facts. These are helpful for when we come across a subtraction or addition problem that we don't know right away, but can remember a related fact, which helps us solve the original problem. We are remembering to double check our work by using more than one of our strategies. We also started a new chapter on shapes by learning the defining attributes of them (Ex. Triangles have 3 sides and 3 vertices).

In Reading, we've been using our knowledge of literary text to understand the story better by using the illustrations and details to describe its characters, setting and events. We know that literary texts have characters that can be people, animals or things (that do human-like things, such as talking) and have a setting [that tells the reader where (Ex. outside in a park, outside at the beach, inside the classroom, inside the movie theater, etc.) and when (daytime or nighttime)] that a story takes place. We also know that major events in a story usually occur with a Beginning (introduces the reader to the characters and setting), Middle (problem of the story) and Ending (solution).

In Social Studies, we continued our learning of maps by learning that maps can show us physical and human features. We learned more about human features, including: equator, North Pole and South Pole, along with physical features, such as: mountains, deserts, rivers and oceans. We know that there are 5 oceans and that they are all connected.

In Writing, we are learning to start our writing with a topic sentence and use temporal words (First, Next, Then,) to add our supporting details. We are practicing how to proofread/edit our work by color coding. We circle capitals with green and end punctuation with red. Most students have a goal of writing 3 complete sentences on their own.

Character Counts Pillar: Trustworthiness

Conferences are next week!
Please use the link below to
verify your time. :)
NO WIN next week due to
conferences!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c 4ca4ac2dabfe3-september

Please make sure your child is reading TO you every night for at least 15 minutes!

Document it on the Reading Log.



<u>Dates to</u> Remember:

Sept. 11~Patriotic Shirt Day in memory of 9/11/01

Sept. 10-14~Parent/Teacher Conferences

Sept. 13~Dismissal @ 11:30AM Sept. 14~Dismissal @ 1:30PM



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: Illustrations & details in a text to describe its key ideas.

Trick Words: are, away, does, he live, here, they, pull

CHALLENGE Words: ocean, continent

Phonics: Blending short

vowel sounds

Writing: Capitals, periods, spacing, phonetic spelling, write informative/explanatory

text

Math: Geometry (shapes)
Science/Social Studies:
Maps and globes