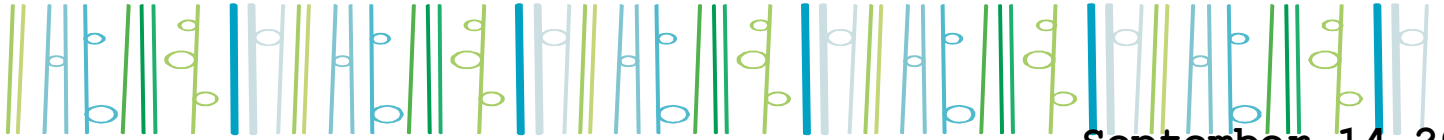


1st Grade Safari News



September 14, 2018

What's been happening in our classroom this week?

Week 7

In math, we have been learning about plane (2-D) and solid (3-D) shapes. Plane shapes include: circles, squares, triangles and rectangles. Solid shapes include: rectangular prisms, cylinders, spheres, cubes, cones and pyramids. We know that we can sort shapes by the following: shape, color, size, sides & corners (vertices) which is part of a shape's attributes. We also know that we can put shapes together to compose larger shapes (Ex. 2 squares can make a rectangle, 2 triangles can make a rectangle, etc.).

In Reading, we've been using the pictures/illustrations in informational text to predict the key details for that text (big idea). Students checked their predictions by reading the text to see if their predictions were correct.

In Social Studies, we continued our study of maps by learning how the compass rose can help us determine what area on a map to look for a particular spot. For instance, if we know that Arizona is located in the Southwest part of the US, students can figure out what area to look closely at to find that state using their knowledge of a compass rose. We also finished our unit on maps and globes. We know that there are 5 oceans and 7 continents, that a map is flat and a globe is 3-D and in the shape of a sphere.

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: Respect

Check Power School to stay up-to-date on your child's grades!

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:

Sept. 17~Dot Day (Wear a shirt, shorts, pants or dress with dots)

Sept. 25~Dollar for Duds

Sept. 25~Math Night

Oct. 8 & 10~1st Quarter Culmination Activities

Oct. 12~End of 1st Qtr./Beginning of Fall 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: Read & answers questions about informational text

Trick Words: of, flower, look, animal, bird, cold, fall, full

CHALLENGE Words: weather, seasons

Phonics: Blending short vowel sounds

Writing: Capitals, periods, spacing, phonetic spelling, write narratives

Math: Geometry (shapes)

Science/Social Studies:

Seasons & Weather

Citizenship: self-control; kindness