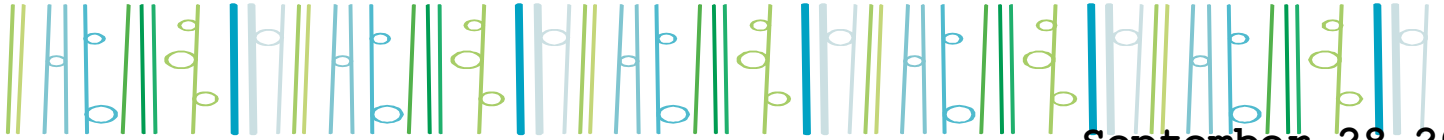


# 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Safari News



September 28, 2018

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

### Week 9

In math, we are learning about portioning plane shapes, such as circles, rectangles, squares and other shapes into two and four equal shares. We know that we can describe the shares using the words "halves", "fourths" and "quarters." We know that as we divide or partition into more equal shares that the shares get smaller in size. We've also learned how to read/write basic fractions (Ex.  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$ ).

In Reading, we've been describing the characters, setting and major events in a story by using the key details. We know that the beginning of a story introduces the main character and setting. The middle of a story usually is where the problem is introduced (or a major event) and the ending is how the problem was solved. We've also discussed using describing words (adjectives) to describe a character's feelings and explaining why. (Ex. Miss Jill was sad at the end of the story because her ice cream shop was a mess).

In Science, we learned about the 4 main types of clouds: Cumulus, Stratus, Cirrus and Cumulonimbus. We went cloud gazing and identified some clouds in our sky. We learned more about weather reports from meteorologists and how important those are to planning our daily activities.

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.



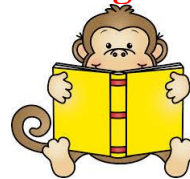
## Character Counts Pillar: Respect

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:

Oct. 8 & 10~1<sup>st</sup> Quarter  
Culmination Activities

Oct. 8-Community Speakers

Oct. 10-White Tanks Library

Oct. 12~End of 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** Answering questions about key details (literary text)

**Trick Words:** some, blue, many, also, funny, brown, like, green, color, people

**CHALLENGE Words:**

**Phonics:** Digraphs; double final consonant (bonus letters...puff, bell, mess)

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

**Math:** Fractions

**Science/Social Studies:**

Early European explorers & settlers in N. America

**Citizenship:** self-control; kindness