



Second Grade's Peek at the Month

October 12, 2009

Reading/Language Arts



We started the year with a study of realistic fiction and students wrote their own "small moment" stories. Now we are beginning a study of fairy tales. Students will compare and contrast versions of Cinderella stories. They will write their own fairy tales too. We will end the nine weeks with a study of non-fiction texts and "How-to" writing.

In Spelling, we have learned about short vowels in closed syllables, the FLOSS and Rabbit rules, and now we are learning about vowel-r-controlled syllables (/er/, /ar/, /or/, /ir/, /ur/). In Grammar, we have learned about nouns, adjectives and verbs. Next we will learn how the parts of speech work together in subjects and predicates to make a complete sentence. Finally, the students will learn to put sentences together to form a paragraph.

We are always working on capitalization and punctuation!

We have started reading groups. You should expect your child to bring a book bag home every day to practice reading at home EVERY DAY. Please remind him/her to bring his/her book bag every day. Don't forget to read aloud to your child too!

Marvelous Math



We have been working on addition and subtraction facts to 20 with counters and equations. Now we are beginning to study place value (hundreds, tens and ones) with counters and number concepts from 0 to 999 so that we can move toward addition and subtraction with two and three digit numbers.

From the beginning of the year, we have been solving word problems. This combines reading and writing with math. We will continue to problem solve and find patterns in math all year. You can make up story problems and search for numbers and patterns wherever you are!

Superb Science



At the beginning of the nine weeks, we learned about safety and using science tools and using our five senses to be good observers. Then we started learning about measurement with centimeters, grams and milliliters. We will continue to practice those skills. We have begun a unit on states of matter: solids, liquids and gas. You can practice measurement exploring states of matter wherever you are!

Sensational Social Studies



We spent the first weeks of school learning about being good citizens by using appropriate social skills. We learned about being an effective member of our classroom community by agreeing on rules and consequences. Now we are learning and practicing map skills. Toward the end of October we will begin our study of Geography.

A Message from The Teachers



- Students need to read for at least 15 minutes each day.
- All teachers need volunteers for re-shelving books and workstation help - check with your teacher to find out how you can help!
- All teachers need supplies for their treasure chests
- Ms. Urbach and Ms. Baldwin need you to save the Chronicle "shortcuts" from the comics section
- We could all use kids' or other magazines with good, appropriate pictures of animals, nature, buildings, other cultures, etc.
- Mrs. Gray has monarch caterpillars that are growing fast!
- Thank you Miss Everett for all your help in Ms. Reilly's class - you're a sensational Teacher Candidate!

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