Grade 1-3 Newsletter

Math

Grade 1: Make new 2-dimensional shapes; Find shapes in shapes; Take apart 2-D shapes; Equal or unequal parts; halves

Grade 2: Most everyone is working on measuring in inches and feet. Some students will begin graphs.

T: Angles in 2-D shapes; Sorting 2-D shapes; Partition rectangles; Equal parts; Showing equal parts of a whole

Grade 3: We will be working on multiplication.

T: Describing patterns; Finding unknown factors; Using the distributive property; Multiples of ten

C: Creating a multiplication display based on the story *If You Give a Cat a Cupcake*

Language Arts

We will start a new unit after conferences.

Story: Two Bad Ants Genre: Fantasy

1st graders Skill: Understand characters Strategy: Summarize Phonics: Vowel combinations ou, ow, oi, oy, au, aw Grammar: Contractions Spelling words: how, now, cow, owl, ouch, house, found, out, gown, town 2nd graders Skill: Sequence Events Phonics: Words with au, aw, al, o, a Grammar: Irregular verbs Vocabulary Strategies: Spelling words: tall, saw, dog, draw, call, fall, soft, paw, ball, yawn, log, small

3rd graders
Skill: Story structure
Phonics: Base words and -ed, -ing
Grammar: Possessive nouns and pronouns
Vocabulary Strategies: Base words and Prefix nonSpelling words: coming, swimming, dropping, tapping, taping, invited, saving, stared, planned, changing, joking, loved, gripped, tasted

Chapter Book:

The Castle in the Attic by Elizabeth Winthrop

Project: Physical Science

This past week we worked on building towers that could be as tall as yourself. We used cups, blocks, sticks, and whatever else we could find. This class loves to build. We also built paper airplanes and tested them with wind power and without. Paper airplanes are always a big hit. On Wednesday we made bridges that were at least one foot long and could support the weight of different objects. We revisited our states of matter and made some freeze pops out of different liquids. Friday they will get to taste test and see which liquids turned out the best. Enjoy Ms. Kate! I will miss out on the taste test.

General Information

Conference schedule is hanging on the bulletin board outside the classroom. I only have Friday available due to a conference I am attending on Wednesday and Thursday. If Friday will not work for you please contact me to schedule a different day. This is our final conference of the year.

I am pleased to tell you that Ms. Angie from the Jackson County Health Department will be coming tomorrow, Friday, to teach us about a waste-free lunch. I always enjoy her time here.

CNS registration is open to current families. Remember that incoming 1st - 8th grade CNS students will receive a discount if you sign up now.

REPEATED INFORMATION

The playground is in need of boards for the fort area. If you have access to some and would like to donate please contact Courtney in the office.

Calendar of Events:

March 28: Board Meeting March 29: JCHD visits April 3: All School Assembly-pajama day April 4: Corporation Meeting April 10: Cahokia field trip-3rd grade only April 10: Cahokia field trip-3rd grade only April 11, 12: No School/ Conferences Conferences are only scheduled on Friday the 12th April 17: All School Assembly Grades 4-8 present April 19: No School April 22: No School

Classroom Wish List