Ms. Leary's News
November 9– November 13

Things to remember:

November 11– timed computation tests begin
November 20– holiday lunch
November 25-27 Thanksgiving Break
December 9 Reading Together During the Holidays 6:00pm
December 18 Holiday party (more info soon)
December 21-winter break begins

Special Person

We have a special person presentation coming up soon. We look forward to learning more about our special friend!

Things we've studied:

Math:
We started Unit 3 with place value. We are reviewing two and three digit numbers. In addition, we are learning the value of each number in a given place. We also are working on coins by reviewing their value and learning how to add combinations of coins and exchange coins. To practice adding and exchanging coins, we used a veggie and fruit stand to go shopping. The children had to purchase items and show their purchase, with coins, in two different ways. They also had to purchase multiple items, add them together and then show the total two different ways. In addition, we are reviewing time to the hour and half hour. We are working on how to tell time to 5 minutes intervals and then to minute interval.

Literacy:
We have started a new rotation of corners today. In our math corner, we are practicing What's My Rule with both addition and subtraction facts. In our science corner, we will be observing four different minerals using a powerful magnifier. We will be working on performing a Thanksgiving play titled "Arthur's Thanksgiving for our Star Author corner. For our art corner we are doing some Turkey/Thanksgiving poetry.

Science: We started our unit on Soil and Rocks by observing three different types of soil. We looked at sand, humus and clay. We discussed what each soil is made up of and then performed our first soil test. We learned how to do the smear test and recorded our observations.

Social Studies:
We are working on the seven continents. We are learning how to read a desk map of the world, identify the continents both in isolation and on the map. We are also studying parts of a globe. (hemispheres, equator, oceans, etc)

Writing:
We are starting a new focus trait in writing called Voice. The children are working hard to increase their use of powerful, more descriptive words in their writing. Now we will learn how to develop our voice in our own pieces and understand how that impacts our writing and affects our audience.

Reading Together During the Holidays

Today I sent home a two page stapled note regarding this special event. It will take place December 9th at 6:00 pm in our room. If you plan on attending, please keep this a surprise. The children know the event will take place but are unaware of what you will be doing for them. I really hope all of you will be able to attend this very special event! If you have any questions, please let me know.

Computation timed tests will begin 11/11. The children will be given a sheet of 100 addition facts and have five minutes to complete the sheet with 90% or higher. Once they pass with a 90% or higher, they will move onto the next set of facts. These tests will take place every Wednesday and Friday. Their graded test will come home that day so you know where they are and what to practice at home. They will be given time to practice in class as well.

Donations

We are always needing a supply of hand sanitizer, Lysol and wipes. I will continue to supply them throughout the year but if you could send some in now and then, it would be greatly appreciated! I appreciate your continued dedication to keeping our classroom as healthy as possible!

Thank you to everyone who is supporting our online book orders. The kids are so excited to add more books to our classroom library. As a reminder, the website is www.scholastic.com/bookclubs
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