





The Latest Buzz

Your weekly connection to the classroom


For the week of November 13-17, 2006

Reading/Writing Workshop


 Ms. Boling's groups are working with retelling a story. This is an important skill which increases a student's comprehension. We are also exploring new center activities. These make learning and practicing our reading skills fun! Our Dolch High Frequency lists continue to be part of our daily routine. Several of us have passed the assessment and have moved on to a new list!


 Mrs. Wilson's groups are finalizing our transactive writing projects, brochures, by completing a self check-list to make sure we have reached our goals. The brochures are hanging in the hallway for review! They are wonderful! ☺


We also continue to learn about the history of Thanksgiving to support our social studies and reading curriculum.

 Mrs. Littrell's group studied more about the Pilgrims and the first Thanksgiving. We learned how Squanto specifically helped the Pilgrims in the New World. An Open Response assessment was given to test writing skills and knowledge of the subject. We also continued reading and discussing poetry in preparation for writing their own poem.


Math


 Ms. Boling's group continues to work with computation with regrouping. We have learned several strategies to accomplish this. We also had our first "Mad Minute." We all did very well and graphed our scores in order to watch our progress! Super!!


 Mrs. Wilson's groups: Our focus has been on learning addition facts. Each of us made flashcards and practiced with a partner in class. The flashcards have been brought home for additional practice. Please make sure to use them. We will be making additional flash cards for addition and subtraction.


 Ms. Exterkamp's group continues to work on place value, greater than and less than, ordering numbers and learning all the ways we can represent numbers (tallies, base ten blocks, pictures, tens and ones boxes, etc.).


FYI/Reminders/Extra Info.

 Volunteers are needed to plan, organize, and conduct the holiday party on Tuesday, December 19th.

 My apologies for putting the incorrect date for the return of spelling homework. I'll double-check this week! ☺ Ms. B

 Parents, students are still turning in homework without names. This means they are not getting credit for the assignments and will soon be missing recess if this continues to be a problem.

 Mrs. Wilson is missing several books. These books were purchased with her personal funds and they are labeled with her name. Please check around your house and send them in if you locate any. She would greatly appreciate it! ☺

 Beginning in December, we will have a monthly behavior party for all those who have met their AR goal and not pulled any tickets past the yellow warning. More information will follow shortly.

 Remember, there are only 2 days of school next week, so there will be no newsletter.

Wishing you a Wonderful Weekend and a very Happy Thanksgiving!
B. Boling, J. Wilson and T. Littrell

