



Our Monthly Journal

Room 4



January was cold, but we're still "warming" up to work!

What a month-January is over, the trimester is half over, and the weather is cool. We had lots of time in the classroom this past month, and we are determined to succeed!

Our guided reading groups have been working on the strategies of inferencing, fact and opinion, context clues, and main idea. We are building comprehension skills through novels and reading selections in Theme 4 of our Reading series, "Express Yourself." We learned about such individuals as William Shakespeare, Louis Armstrong, and Evelyn Cisneros

Please be aware that the boys and girls will need to have read and passed 7 Accelerated Reading tests with a score of 70% or higher. The last day to take an A.R. test will be February 17th.

We continue to build written language skills in both the "Work on Writing" rotation of Daily 5 as well as through English activities. We complete Daily Language Practice to focus on specific elements of writing and grammar.

We are studying "Winning the Revolution" in Social Studies. We are learning about Thomas Jefferson and Phyllis Wheatley. We also will be learning about the contributions of a wide variety of people who helped the Continental Army win important battles. We will also learn how France and Spain helped us to defeat Britain and earn our independence.

We finished up our "Matter" unit in Science. We learned about pH factors, indicators, reactants, and products. We even conducted experiments to show what happens when we combine reactants.

In Math the students worked on Geometry. They learned about shapes, angles, lines, and used formulas to find the radius, diameter, and circumference of a circle. We will be focusing on measurement next.

As you are aware our student teacher, Miss Steinhilber, has begun her tenure with us. She is teaching Math, Science, Spelling, and Social Studies now. I will continue to facilitate Reading as well as Daily 5 rotations. Miss Steinhilber is learning from all of the students as they learn from her. She is a great addition to our classroom.

Please continue to check your child's student planner nightly and discuss the day's activities. It is so important that you are involved in your child's education.. When your child sees how important you regard education then he/she will too. Making sure your child is getting enough sleep and reading EACH night will guarantee a success day.

If you have any question, concerns, or comments, please do not hesitate to email, call, or write a note. When we work together your child benefits!

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 3rd -Early Dismissal @12:00 p.m.

Feb. 6th-Pennies for Patients begin. Please collect and donate change to sick children

Feb. 13th-17th-Jump Rope For Heart (during Gym time)

Feb. 14th-Valentine's Day

Feb. 17th- Accelerated Reader (7 books/70%) due

Feb. 20th- President's Day (no school)

Feb. 22nd-Hat Day

Feb. 24th- 2nd Trimester ends

Please be aware

There WILL NOT be a Valentine's Day party in our Classroom, but we will exchange Valentine's cards. Make sure your child has ONE FOR EVERY STUDENT in our class. We wouldn't want ANY hurt feelings! A Classroom list of names will be going home.



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