

September 15, 2017

Dear Families,

Here's what went on in First Grade this week!

Language Arts:

- We began Reader's Workshop. Students learned about good reading habits to make them strong readers
- We learned how to use reading mats as a way to plan and organize before getting started with reading
- We learned how to partner read and stay productive
- We practiced leaving spaces between words in Writing Workshop
- We learned how to choose a topic for writing and ZOOM in on one small moment to create a fun and exciting story
- We reviewed more letters and sound in Foundations
- We used the magnetic tile boards during Foundations to help us learn ABC order

Math:

- We began using number racks as a way to solve math story problems
- We played memory games using tens frames and the number racks. I flashed tens frame cards and the kids had to show what they saw on their number rack.
- We wrote equations to match how we arranged the beads on our number racks
- We completed the first Decade Day page in our Number Corner books
- We began learning about place value and groups of tens and ones

Social Skills:

- We continued to practice our classroom and school expectations
- We voted on Classroom Citizen of the Week
- We continued reading the Incredible Flexible You series and focused on The Group Plan
- We practiced being part of the group plan at our Community Meeting time with Ms. Ehret's class on Friday

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What is Classroom Citizen of the Week?

Every year I strive to find ways to motivate kids to follow our school rules and expectations. Being an honest, kind, respectful, responsible person is valuable to me and I want to teach children the importance of it. By having the Classroom Citizen of the Week, I am hoping to allow kids the opportunity to carefully observe their classmates and notice when they have done exceptional things! Each Friday, the kids vote for who THEY think did an exceptional job. Here are the behaviors students are looking for when nominating one of their peers.

Was my classmate...

- Respectful of others and their belongings?
- Did he/she follow school and classroom expectations?
 - Be Safe
 - Be Responsible
 - Be Respectful
- Was he/she honest and dependable?
- Did he/she help others if they needed a hand?
- Did he/she give friendly reminders to their peers?
- Was he/she polite and kind to all?

THANK YOU:

It was so nice to see all of you on Thursday evening. Open House is always a special time for the children to show off how they spend their day! They are working incredibly hard and I have loved spending my days with them.

Reminders:

- Please send a healthy snack daily for your child. The fresh fruits and vegetable program will begin soon. When I know more details about the start date, I will let you know.
- **September 22nd-Picture Day**

Please feel free to email me with any questions or concerns.
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