

News from Mrs. Barnett's Classroom

September 20, 2019



Weekly Highlights

Daily 5- This week we introduced Listen to Reading. Students learned how to go on the chromebooks and log on to Raz Kids. The Raz Kids info was sent home on Thursday. Students are also encouraged to use Raz Kids at home. For our reading strategy, we worked on predicting what will happen next in the text. Next week we will continue with prediction but add on using the text clues to explain how you made your prediction.

Work on Writing- Students were introduced to their writing partners. They practiced telling their partner a new story and then the partner asked questions about their story. After they answered their partners questions, they retold their story with more details then students switched roles. The kids will work with the same partner for the duration of this narrative writing unit. Later in the week we worked on reading our writing as a reader and found areas where we needed to add more details and fix any words that we might have missed.

Social Studies- This week we wrote our community vocabulary in our theme notebooks and added definitions. On Friday we identified community helpers and wrote "I wonder" statements about each of them. We will research different community helpers over the next couple weeks and identify how they help our communities.

Science- Students observed their mealworms on Tuesday and Friday. They noticed that they had legs, a head and mouth. They were wiggly and could move quickly. We also discussed the needs of the mealworms such as air, food, water and space. We will continue to observe the mealworms over the next couple of weeks and document any changes that happen.

Salsa Day- On Wednesday we went out and harvested some tomatoes, peppers and onions from our garden beds. On Thursday Mrs. Kwong, Mrs. Brzezinski and Mrs. Boruta volunteered to help us make the salsa. The kids had a chance to chop up the ingredients and then we mixed it together and let it sit until snack. We hope you enjoyed some of the salsa that the kids brought home. I know that the kids were really proud of it! Thank you to the Reh's, Chatlani's and Muschlitz's for sending in chips for the kids to enjoy at snack time.

Math Highlights

This week we finished up Unit 1 Module 3 and started Module 4. Students worked on measuring with popsicle sticks, their feet and unifix cubes. We practiced making estimates for measurement and then used popsicle sticks, feet and unifix cubes to find the actual length. Students worked on solving addition and subtraction problems within 20 by using their number racks and pretended to be Number Rack Detectives. We introduced a new workplace called Measuring with Unifix Cubes. Students worked on estimating and measuring with accuracy in this workplace. On Friday we played another version of Quick! Look! Plus One, Minus One and worked in their student books.

Math Vocabulary- equal, length, long/longer/longest, short/shorter/shortest, add, equation, subtract, less than, more than,

Math Homework- up to pg 10

Upcoming Field Trip

We will be going on a field trip to Learn Charter School on Wednesday, Oct 2nd as part of our Social Studies Unit on Community. The field trip will cost \$5. Please send in cash or check or go online and use the edutrack by Wednesday, Sept 25th. We are also in need of 2 parent volunteers. Our class will be going from 8:30-11:30am. We will return and eat lunch in our classroom.

Important Dates

- **Wednesday, Sept 25th- Farm to Table @11:35** in the Barn
- **Wednesday, Oct 2nd- Field Trip** to Learn Charter School from 8:30-11:30am
- **Sunday, Oct 6th- Fall Fest @ PCCS 12-4**
- **Thursday, Oct 10th- Early Release @ 1pm**
- **Friday, Oct 11th- No School** Teacher Inservice Day
- **Monday, Oct 14th- No School** Columbus Day/Indigenous People Day

Important Information and Friendly Reminders

- **Needed: Magazines with pictures for work on writing.** Students will use pictures from magazines and write about them in their writing journals during Daily 5.
- **Scholastic Code- PFRL8** Please use this code when ordering your books online. I will be submitting the order at the end of this month and another order on Oct 15th.