Room 12

Friday Newsletter

October 18, 2019

What we did this week:

- The class filled their marble jar for the first time! They have earned a whole class reward. The students voted on Stuffed Animal Day. Students can bring a stuffed animal that will fit inside their backpack on Tuesday, October 22nd.
- Daily 5 now has all 5 choices for students to pick from (Read to Self, Read to Someone, Work on Writing, Word Work, and Listen to Reading). For Work on Writing, students can work on a piece from our separate Writing time, their journal, or a class journal. Some days we give students a prompt before they can write about anything they want. For Word Work, students use the sight words that are posted on the board to complete various activities.
- This week during Writing was a little different. We did a 2-day lesson on poems. The class got to observe an object in nature, give 10 adjectives that describe that object, and then made up a poem using those adjectives. The first day we observed a Marigold and made a poem together as a class. On the second day, we split into 2 groups to observe a tree. Each group came up with 10 adjectives. Each student then had to use those 10 words to create their own poem in their Writing journals.
- In Math we did more work with a number line. The class learned and practiced how to solve addition problems on an open number line. We will continue to practice working with open number lines. In about a week we will start Unit 3:
 Addition & Subtraction Within One Hundred.

- The class continued to learn about communities this week in Social Studies. I first asked the students what would happen if the school and town did not have any rules? They came up with some great answers which led to some wonderful "I Wonder" questions. Some examples the class came up with are as follows:
 - O How would we know how to behave?
 - o How will we be safe?
 - O How would we learn?
 - o Would life be chaotic?
- In Science, we are keeping an eye on our mealworms. As for our Brassica plants, they have grown quite a bit! Students have observed the changes so far and will continue to do so. More changes will be obvious within the next week! Students are enjoying having their own mealworms and plants.
- Our class does the 7 minute class run every Thursday in P.E. Thank you to all the
 parents who came to join! I am proud to say that WE are this week's winner! Our
 class also broke the record and ran 21 miles! WOW! The previous record was 20
 miles. Fantastic job everyone!

Notes:

- The weather has been pretty chilly lately! Please make sure your student comes to school with the appropriate attire as we do go outside for recess and other activities.
- Please make sure to return our classroom forks if your student accidently brought one home. We started the year off with a handful of extra forks in the classroom but now are done to one.
- Every time the whole class turns in all of their Math homework, they will earn a marble! Also, please have your student complete their homework in pencil.
- The class code for Scholastic is W92DG. If the books you order are going to be
 a gift, please let me know so I can put them aside so your student does not see
 them. There were no orders to be submitted. I will extend the submission date of
 any Scholastic orders to October 30th.

Upcoming Dates:

- Tuesday, October 22nd Student Picture Retakes
 - Stuffed Animal Day!
- Wednesday, October 23rd Early Release (1:00 p.m.)
- Friday, October 25th Natural Leaders Assembly (8:15 a.m.)
- Friday, October 25th Pizza Friday
- Wednesday, October 30th Farm to Table
- Thursday, October 31st Halloween
 - o Parade: 1:45 2:15 p.m.
 - o Party: 2:15 3:15 p.m.

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