

News from Mrs. Barnett's Classroom

October 18, 2019



Weekly Highlights

Spelling- Students worked on their personal spelling sorts this week. They are working on different spelling patterns and incorporating them into their writing in Writer's Workshop. We had a spelling check on Thursday and students will receive their new sorts on Monday.

Daily 5- Our reading strategy for the week was to look at both the beginning and ending sounds of words. There are times when students will only look at the beginning sound and substitute a word that makes sense but the word is still incorrect. Looking at both the beginning and ending sounds will help them use the correct word.

Writer's Workshop- This week we looked deeply at *The Night of the Veggie Monster* by George McClements and found different text features that he uses. Students then looked for text features in books in their book boxes. Later in the week students started to incorporate features such as pop out words, ellipses and exact actions.

Science- On Tuesday we observed our Brassica and were pleased to see a number of our plants ready to flower. The students were amazed at how tall their plants have gotten. We have been growing the Brassica for the past 20 days. On Friday we observed our meal worms. We noticed that there were more pupas than larva and some students even had some beetles.

Social Studies- Our focus lesson this week was on Rules. Students worked together to identify rules in our home, classroom, school and community. They compared and contrasted the rules in these 4 areas and were surprised to see that there are a lot of common rules in our homes, classroom, school and general community.

E.E.- On Thursday we went outside and had the 2nd graders teach the 1st graders about palmate and pinnate leaves. The students went around the campus to find different leaves and identify them. On Friday we went on a leaf hunt and collected leaves to bring back to make leaf creatures. Students then wrote about their leaf creatures.

Math Highlights

This week we finished up Unit 2 Module 3. Students worked on representing subtraction on a number line in their new workplace called Spin & Subtract. During workplaces they continue to work on counting on from the bigger number, doubling numbers up to 10 and reason abstractly and quantitatively. Students ended their week with an assessment. In the assessment they applied the commutative property of addition to add and solve subtraction problems by finding an unknown addend. They worked with their flip cards to create addition and subtraction problems and wrote a story problem to go along with one of their equations.

Math Vocabulary- add, equal, equation, double, even number, odd number, strategies, sum, total

Math Homework- up to pg 28

Important Dates

- **Monday, Oct 21st- Pizza Order Due**
- **Tuesday, Oct 22nd- Picture Retake**
- **Wednesday, Oct 23rd- Early Release @ 1pm**
- **Friday, Oct 25th- Natural Leader Assembly in the gym @ 8:15**
- **Friday, Oct 25th- Pizza Friday @ 12:30**
- **Wednesday, Oct 30th- Farm to Table @ 10:35 in the Barn**
- **Thursday, Oct 31st- Halloween Parade @ 1:45 Halloween Party @ 2:15 in the classroom**

Important Information and Friendly Reminders

- **Be sure to get your Pizza Order in by Monday.** The PSO will not accept any late registrations.
- **Picture retakes are on Tuesday, Oct 22nd.** If you would like for your child to get retakes you need to send in their original pictures with them. Also, please send me an email letting me know if you want your child to have retakes and we will be sure to send them to the photographer.