



Room 9 Weekly Newsletter

Week of October 23-27, 2017

Reading

This week's reading lessons focused on:

- watching for punctuation marks as we read to know when to PAUSE and when to STOP (we made Punctuation Stoplights to help us)
- using plays to practice reading FLUENTLY and EXPRESSIVELY

Writing

We read the book One Day, The End which is a series of 2 sentence stories that give a beginning and ending only. The illustrations show all the interesting things that happened in the middle though so we worked with a partner to rewrite the stories stretching out those middle parts with details! This will help us write stronger personal narratives too! We have worked on WORD CHOICE as well....choosing STRONGER words to replace "blah" words such as said, good, bad, and went. Our writing becomes stronger and stronger as we go back to revise our stories with what we're learning about!

Our spelling/phonics lessons included:

- short and long O patterns
- making words with the letters in the mystery word PROBLEMS

Math

This week's math lessons involved:

- learning more about ARRAYS and how to use repeated addition equations to represent them and apply that knowledge to word problems
- whole group game of "Pop" to practice skip counting by 5s
- reviewing MAKING A 10 for SUBTRACTION using ten frames to model
- learning about odd and even numbers and how to PROVE our thinking
- finding MISSING ADDENDS in BALANCED EQUATIONS ($5 + \underline{\quad} = 6 + 8$)
- counting money to visit the classroom store!

Science / Social Studies

We did some Pumpkin Math and Science this week! We worked in groups to measure the CIRCUMFERENCE of a pumpkin, count its RIBS, ESTIMATE how many seeds might be inside, and then opened them up and actually counted them (using groups of 10 to make it easier). Boy, we were surprised how far off our estimates were! It was gooey fun!

We also learned about GERMS this week! Be sure to ask your child about our Bread Experiment!

Announcements

- ** HALF DAY of school on October 31st. We dismiss at 11:30 a.m.
- ** BAG LUNCH needed on November 2nd for our field trip (unless you requested your child get one from the cafeteria....I needed to know ahead of time so the cafeteria can be prepared).
- ** AUTHOR VISIT (Joseph Bruchac) on November 2nd at OPS from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- ** NO SCHOOL November 7th or November 11th (Superintendent Conference Day, Veterans Day)