



Room 9 Weekly Newsletter

Week of September 25-29, 2017

Reading

Our Reading lessons have focused on:

- making meaningful text-to-self and text-to-text connections as we read
- building STAMINA to read for longer and longer periods of time
- learning from NONFICTION as we explore weather and plant books
- making and using fiction story retell ropes to help us give better retellings of stories

Math

Our Math lessons have focused on:

- using doubles facts to help us solve NEAR DOUBLE FACTS
- playing games to practice basic addition facts to improve fluency (addition Bingo and Rock, Paper, Scissors, Math)
- using number sentences and simple drawings to solve word problems
- review of basic subtraction strategies: number line, counting back, drawing, counting up from the smaller number
- counting our money and visiting the classroom store ☺

Writing

Our Writing lessons have focused on:

- stretching out a small moment (personal narrative) story across many pages like Kevin Henkes in Sheila Rae, the Brave
- introduction of tiny topics notebooks to save story ideas as they come to us
- reviewing when to use CAPITALS using a MINTS acronym (Months and days, I, Names of people and places and holidays, Titles of books and movies, and Start of a sentence)

This week's spelling lessons focused on:

- ending blends with short vowel sounds
- making words with the letters in the mystery word PUMPKINS

Science / Social Studies

We got to be the teachers early this week as we worked in small groups to learn about a plant part (stems, roots, seeds, flowers, or leaves) and teach the class what we found out! We've talked a lot about SEEDS and how they travel too.

We were SCIENTISTS as we examined leaves we brought in from home. As scientists, we OBSERVED, MEASURED, RECORDED information, and COMMUNICATED our results!

Announcements

** Thank you to all who were able to join us for our All School Assembly and/or Family Fitness Walk on Friday! ☺

** There is NO SCHOOL on Monday, October 9th for Columbus Day.