



Mrs. Volckmann and Ms. Miles 1st Grade!!!

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So Very Thankful!

What an amazing week! We are truly blessed to have such fantastic students and wonderful parents. We thank you all so very much for the gifts, notes, and support you gave us. As I said shortly after school started, we have the BEST students and parents!! As the 3rd nine weeks ended, we saw a ton of growth in both reading and writing. The students really enjoyed opinion writing, especially when they were writing for a special prize. :-) As it typically does after the holiday break, reading exploded. All the strategies magically clicked and the kids were able to read much harder books as well as retell what was going on in them. We are so very proud of the growth each student has made. We still have a ways to go, but they are going to be ready to rock and roll next year.

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Week In Review and What's Up and Coming!

Reading/Grammar – We focused on identifying who was telling the different stories, the central message, as well as the key details from the story. We really pushed the students to tell key details from each part of the story, as some of the kids really liked to tell about 1 part. We want them to remember the ENTIRE story, not just 1 part. We also compared experiences of characters – The Cat in the Hat, Horton, etc. in different books. We will continue all of these skills for the remainder of the year as well as compare/contrast different books on the same topic.

Writing – The students did great with their opinion writing. We are having a difficult time determining who will actually “Win” the fish. Results will be revealed on Tuesday. We are now headed back to narrative writing. The student will practice telling stories with more than 1 event. They will also continue working on writing complete simple and extended sentences with various punctuation marks.

Math – In math, we did a great deal of reviewing. We practiced identifying 10 more/less of a number using a 100s chart and then transfer the skill to mentally stating the numbers. We also practiced problem solving and adding and subtracting. We will be moving to 2 digit addition using concrete models – tens blocks, illustrations, etc.

Science /S.S. – We learned about the parts of plants and the needs of both plants and animals. We will go back to plants this week to do a further study of how they work. We also spent time learning about the continents and oceans. The kids really enjoyed the songs they learned about them both.

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Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!

Thanks to Lisa Kirk, and Janelle Herrero for coming in and helping our students learn to count money and shop in our class store as well as work with our students individually. :-)

Thank you to Janelle Herrero for continuing the battle of helping get our classroom library re-organized and stickered.

Thanks to Everyone who sent in materials for St. Patrick's Day and Spring. We are so excited to learn with food!!

Upcoming Events!

- ★ Tuesday Mar. 17 - St. Patrick's Day - Please have your child send in their leprechaun traps on Monday.
- ★ Wednesday Mar. 18 - Report Cards Go Home - Please sign the signature card and return the card and envelope with your address and 2 stamps attached.

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