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The Final Stretch!



The end is in our sights, sad but true! We are intensely focusing on the final few standards we have left to learn, before the CRAZY last 2 weeks arrive. We are planning a great deal of special events for the month of May, so please be on the lookout for information every few days or so. I want to make sure you are fully aware of all the FUN we are going to be having celebrating our learning and our year before we part ways. As I send out dates and information for those special events, please let me know ASAP if you would like to join in them so I can let the office know. We are required to submit a list of volunteer to the office before any event/activity, so it is imperative that I get you on the list so they don't turn you away. That would be sad.

Week In Review and What's Up and Coming!

Reading/Grammar – We have been focusing on determining the main idea and key details of stories. 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 or little details instead of the most important ones. We want them to remember the ENTIRE story, not just 1 part. We also compared different books. The students are getting really good at it! We will continue all of these skills for the remainder of the year.

Writing –The students have been working very hard on their narrative writing. The student will practice telling stories with more than 1 event. They have been writing all about an event they did over Spring Break. We are working on adding details to our writing to make a complete “picture” of what we did. They will also continue working on writing complete simple and extended sentences with various punctuation marks.

Math – In math, have been working on a variety of strategies to help us with 2 digit addition. We have learned how to use concrete models – tens blocks, illustrations, number lines, 100s chart, etc. We will wrap that up this week and move on to our final new concept of the quarter, time. We will learn how to tell time to the hour as well as half hour on both digital and analog clocks.

Science /S.S. – We have spent a great deal of time studying animals and their attributes. The students have learned all about the different types of animals – mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds, and fish. We learned about their life cycles, where they live, how they move, and what covers their bodies. Wow – It's a lot!! We are finishing up our study of animals and moving on to American Folktales – Johnny Appleseed, Annie Oakley, John Henry, Davy Crockett, and Paul Bunyan. We will also learn about goods and services as we study these Folk heroes.

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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 Mr. Mormile, Mr. and Mrs. Dovo, Janelle Herrero, Jessica Wall, and Mrs. Duncan for coming with us to the Tellus Museum. I hope you had as much fun as we did. :-)

Thanks you to Janelle Herrero for coming with us to Smith Gilbert Gardens and taking lots of pictures. It was wet, a bit crazy, but beautiful!

Upcoming Events!

- ★ Saturday Apr. 18 - Comcast Cares Day - Please come help Comcast and the Still Staff beautify our school both indoors and out.
- ★ Friday May 8 - All Library Books Due!
- ★ Tuesday May 13 - Volunteer Tea - If you volunteered at the school, you will be receiving an invitation from the school to come to the Volunteer Tea. Look for your invitation to be coming home soon!
- ★ Friday May 15 - Field Day
- ★ A GREAT DEAL OF FUN DAYS/ACTIVITIES WILL OCCUR IN MAY, SO PLEASE BE ON THE LOOKOUT!!!

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