



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

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Amazing Weather

We have been learning all about the Weather. The class watched a bar of Ivory Soap turn into a cloud right before our eyes. The students were in complete amazement! If you would like to try the experiment at home, put a bar of Ivory Soap (yes it must be Ivory – apparently bad things will happen if it isn't) and put it in the microwave for 90 seconds. It will puff up and become a cloud. We will continue to complete other experiments involving the weather after the break.



Week In Review and What's Up and Coming!

Reading/Grammar – The students did a fabulous job with the –et –eg, and –en word families. They practiced reading, sorting, and writing a variety of words that belong in those families. The students also created “Word Family Houses” for one of the families. The students have been working hard at learning a variety of poems that go with each set of word families. We will began working with the –ut, –ug, and –un word families after the break.

Writing – We continued work on writing a Personal Narrative. This week we wrote about our favorite season project that we had created the week before. The students drafted, revised, edited, and even published their stories in mini-books. Over the break point out “Seed” topics (small events) the students may want to write a story about from their break. (Ex. – Going to the zoo, swimming, game night, movie, etc.)

Math – We continued our review of addition and began learning the vocabulary of subtraction. The class practiced adding and subtracting using jelly beans. Please continue working with your child on the addition strategies of counting on, part/part/whole, drawing a picture, as well as using a number line. Also please reinforce with your child the importance of showing their work when solving word problems on their homework.

Science – We began our study of weather by reading a few Magic School Bus books as well as Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs. The students are creating a weather journal as well as planning a few very cool experiments next week.

S.S./Health – We continued learning about the 1st of the 7 Habits, PROACTIVE, that go with The Leader in Me. TWe discussed ways the students can be Proactive at home as well as at school – Brush their teeth before they are asked. Get their folders out to be signed before they are told to. We will continue reinforcing PROACTIVE and also discuss BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND.

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Upcoming Events!

- ★ Sept. 15-19 - NO SCHOOL! - Fall Break!!!
- ★ Sept. 22 - Walking Club - 7:15-7:50 a.m. - (Your child will need to eat prior to going. Please see the e-mail sent out this week.)
- ★ Sept. 23-Oct. 2- Boosterthon Fundraising - (Check out the Boosterthon website for more information - www.morethanarun.com)

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