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Mrs. Burkett's and Mrs. Wobser's Weekly Newsletter

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April 5-9, 2010

## Here's what we are learning:

We finished our research paper and presented it to the class.

We learned about the /oo/ sound that we hear in the word moon.

We reviewed fantasy and reality. We call fantasy stories fiction. You call reality stories non-fiction.

We reviewed story elements. The characters are who or what the story is about. The plot is what happens in the story.

We worked on context clues. That is using the information in sentences and in pictures to determine the meaning of an unknown word.

We reviewed how to make inferences. That is when we use clues in the story and/or the pictures to figure out things the author wants us to know.

We learned how to make story predictions.

We learned about drawing conclusions.

We are learning how to tell time by 5-minute intervals.

We are learning about pennies, nickels, dimes and **quarters**. We need to be able to identify the coin, state its value and count a group of coins consisting of pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and a combination of quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies.

We practiced exchanging pennies for a nickel, nickels for a dime and pennies and a nickel for a dime.

We are showing a set amount of money two different ways with groups of coins.

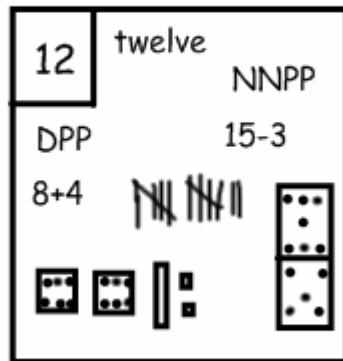
We continue to review odd and even numbers. We know cheers to help us remember. **"0, 2, 4, 6 and 8. Being even is just great! 1, 3, 5, 7, 9. Being odd is just fine."**

We are practicing how to measure with non-standard and standard units.

We reviewed the greater than (>) and the less than (<) sign.

We are learning about "function machines". They give us a rule that we need to follow. This is a fun way to practice our addition and subtraction facts.

We are learning how to name equivalent names for a number. For example, we can name 12 in the following ways:



We are learning about matter in science.

In social studies we are learning about American symbols.

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### Special Events this week were:

1. We didn't have school on Monday. It was our last day of spring break.
2. We celebrated Seth's birthday on Tuesday. His special day was Monday. He is in Mrs. Burkett's homeroom.
3. We celebrated Kylee's pretend birthday on Wednesday. Her special day is July 7<sup>th</sup>. She is in Mrs. Wobser's homeroom.
4. Mrs. Burkett's homeroom wrote letters to NASCAR drivers Jeff Gordon and Tony Stewart last week. **Tony Stewart wrote back to them already!! He even sent pictures!**

### Special Events coming next week are:

1. We will celebrate Camryn's pretend birthday on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. His real birthday is July 25<sup>th</sup>. He is in Mrs. Wobser's homeroom.
2. We will celebrate William's birthday on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. His special day is June 27<sup>th</sup>. He is in Mrs. Wobser's homeroom.