



Bear News

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

2009 - 10

December 7 - 11, 2009

Here's what we are learning:

We learned about the "ch," "wh," and "nk" sounds.

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

We learned how to read and gather information from a diagram.

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

We learned how to compare and contrast information. When we compare we look for ways things are the same. When we contrast, we look for ways things are different. We have practiced filling out a Venn Diagram when we are comparing and contrasting.

We learned that we put an apostrophe (') at the end of a name or thing to show that the person or thing owns something.

In grammar, we are learning about contractions. They are a shorter form of two words. (can't = cannot, we'll = we will)

We are using a hundreds chart to count forwards and backwards.

We practiced counting to 100 by 1s & 2s and to 200 by 5s & 10s.

We practiced counting backwards from 20-0.

We are telling time to the hour. We are learning about half past the hour. We learned that on a digital clock, half past is written ":30."

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

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

We reviewed patterns.

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 learned how to use a number line to help us with addition and subtraction.

We have been practicing reading a thermometer.

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

We are learning about the earth in science.

In social studies we are learning about past and present.

Reported by: The Students

Special Events this week were:

1. We celebrated Cody's birthday on Monday. His special day was Sunday. He is in Mrs. Burkett's homeroom.
2. We celebrated Gage's birthday on Monday. His special day was Sunday. He is in Mrs. Wobser's homeroom.
3. Many of us shopped at the Secret Santa Shop this week.

Special Events coming next week are:

1. We will have a "Move-It" Dance on Tuesday, December 15th.
2. We will celebrate Ava's birthday on Thursday, December 17th. She is in Mrs. Wobser's homeroom.
3. **The timeline projects for social studies are due on Thursday, December 17th.**
4. We will celebrate Connor's birthday on Monday, December 21st. His special day is December 30th. Connor is in Mrs. Wobser's homeroom.
5. We will celebrate Ross's birthday on Monday, December 21st. His special day is December 30th. Ross is in Mrs. Burkett's homeroom.
6. Our Christmas celebration will take place on Tuesday, December 22nd.