



Bear News

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

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Here's what we are learning:

We learned the long e sound. We hear that sound in words like see and sheep.

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 use a dictionary.

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 cause and effect. The effect is what happened and the cause is why it happened.

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 reviewed 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 if we need to add "ing" to a word and it is a short vowel word, we need to double the final consonant before adding the "ing". (drip = dripping, win = winning)

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 and half hour. We are learning about quarter after and quarter to the hour.

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 learned about base ten blocks and place value with tens and ones.

We learned about 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 about the four seasons in science.

In social studies we are learning about the presidents.

Reported by: The Students

Special Events this week were:

1. We had a "Snow Day" on Friday. Thus, we had to delay some of our birthday celebrations.

Special Events coming next week are:

1. We will celebrate Emily's birthday on Monday, March 1st. Her special day was Sunday. She is in Mrs. Wobser's class.
2. We will celebrate Breanna's birthday on Monday, March 1st. Her special day was Sunday. She is in Mrs. Burkett's class.
3. We will celebrate Emerson's birthday on Thursday, March 4th. He is in Mrs. Burkett's homeroom.
4. We will have "COSI on Wheels" here at school on Friday. We will have a chance to do hands-on science activities during this assembly. We thank third grade teacher, Mrs. Hamilton for writing a grant to bring COSI here.