



Bear News

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

2009 - 10

January 4 - 8, 2010

Here's what we are learning:

We learned the long /i/ sound. We hear that sound in words like "five" and "smile".

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 chart.

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 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 are learning about cause and effect. The effect is what happened and the cause is why it happened.

We learned about the helping verbs "was" and "were". The word "was" tells about one person, place or thing. The word "were" tells about more than one person, place or thing.

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

We reviewed 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 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 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 Lauryn's pretend birthday on Friday. Her special day is July 15th. She is in Mrs. Burkett's homeroom.

Special Events coming next week are:

1. We do not have school on Monday, January 18th because it is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
2. Mrs. Burkett's homeroom will have their guidance lesson with Mrs. Wiley on Tuesday, January 19th.
3. The end of the grading period is Wednesday, January 20th.

Special Notes:

1. **If students wear boots to school, please make sure that they bring shoes to change into.**
2. **It would be greatly appreciated if you would put your child's name in their coat – in a place where they can see it. This way we can make sure everyone has their own coat. We have had several mix ups this week.**
3. **Please have your child bring a sweater or sweatshirt to school. This way they have something to put on when our rooms become cold throughout the day.**