



Bear News

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

2009 - 10

January 18 - 22, 2010

Here's what we are learning:

We reviewed all the short and long vowel sounds we have gone over thus far this year.

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

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

We are learning about caring for 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 didn't have school on Monday because it was Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Special Events coming next week are:

1. We will celebrate Elliana's birthday on Wednesday, January 27th. She is in Mrs. Wobser's homeroom.
2. We will celebrate Devyn's pretend birthday on Wednesday, January 27th. Her special day is July 27th. She is in Mrs. Burkett's homeroom.
3. The H1 N1 shots will be available on Wednesday, January 27th at school. The form that was sent home must be returned in order for your child to receive the shot.
4. Grade cards go home on Friday, January 29th.
5. Mr. Patrick, who has been filling in for Mr. Zang, will say good-bye to us on Friday, January 29th. We will welcome Mr. Zang back on Monday, February 1st.

