



# Bear News

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

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January 25 - 29, 2010

## Here's what we are learning:

We learned about the long o sound. We hear that sound in words like "hose" and "cone."

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

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 reviewed that we put "ed" on a verb to show that something happened in the past.

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 Martin Luther King, Jr and national holidays.

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### **Special Events this week were:**

1. We celebrated Devyn's pretend birthday on Wednesday. Her real birthday is July 27<sup>th</sup>. She is in Mrs. Burkett's homeroom.
2. On Friday we had a special speaker during science class. He was from the Division of Water and Watercraft. He spoke to us about life jackets and water safety.
3. We received our grade cards on Friday.

### **Special Events coming next week are:**

1. On Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> we will welcome back Mr. Zang.
2. We will celebrate Elliana's birthday on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Her special day was January 27<sup>th</sup>. However, Elliana was sick on her special day. She is in Mrs. Wobser's homeroom.
3. We will have a 2-hour delay on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. The teachers will be attending a meeting.

