



# Bear News

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

2009 - 10

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November 9 - 13, 2009

## Here's what we are learning:

We reviewed blends and short vowel sounds.

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

We are learning how to break a story up into parts – the beginning, middle, and end.

We learned about the main idea of a story or picture.

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

In grammar, we learned that we must capitalize days of the week, months of the year, and holidays.

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

We are learning about 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 are learning about living and non-living in science.

In social studies we are learning about voting.

Reported by: The Students

### Special Events this week were:

1. We celebrated Kaitlin's pretend birthday on Monday. Her special day is June 9<sup>th</sup>. She is in Mrs. Burkett's homeroom.
2. We saw the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Veteran's Day Program on Wednesday. It was really nice. 😊
3. We received our grade cards on Friday.

### Special Events coming next week are:

1. The week of November 16 – 20 is American Education Week.
2. Parent – Teacher Conferences for those who are scheduled take place after school from 3:10 – 7:50 on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.
3. We will celebrate Mickey Mouse's birthday on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.
4. Parent – Teacher Conferences for those who are scheduled take place after school from 3:10 – 7:50 on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.
5. Students do not have school on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> because Parent – Teacher Conferences take place from 8:00 – 1:00 for those who are scheduled.



**Thank you:** A big thank you to everyone who has brought in the “Box Tops for Education.” We collect these all year long, so keep bringing them in. The money we receive from this will continue to put technology in your child's hands. (Computers, SmartBoards, Software, and Computerized programs). **We are happy to announce that Mrs. Wobser's homeroom brought in the most “Box Tops” in month of October for the entire first grade.** 😊😊

