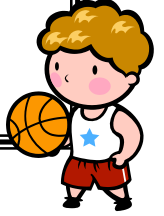




Extra! Extra! Read all about our WINNING TEAM!

Jan. 9th, 2009
Miss Zimmerman
Grade 3
Greenbriar



Literacy: **Back to Our Routine**

We jumped right back into our reader's workshop routine, right after watching Poor Little Rich Girl with Shirley Temple. After completing Cinnamon Bear, I thought it would be neat to show the kids what life was like during that time period. One of the plots in the movie focuses on a radio show, so it fit perfectly! The kids really enjoyed watching it as we discussed what life was like back then. After that, we began the reading strategy of sensory imaging. We practiced using our senses to better understand what text. The students had time to practice this skill with me and independently. We will continue this next week.

Math: **Unit 6**

This week, the students were pre-tested on our sixth math unit, dealing with estimation and addition and subtraction of large numbers. From the pre-test, I learned that the students do not have much experience with these concepts, so we will work hard during this unit. So far, we completed an activity called "The Coat of Many Bits" where the students had to use estimation and addition to find the area of a coat. It was a lot of fun and a great learning experience! Next week, we will learn how to add and subtract large numbers with base ten pieces.

Science: **Space**

While in Science Lab the students made star clocks, in the classroom the students are making postcards from outer space! Each student chose a planet to research and they are taking notes and using their findings to write their postcards. They must include interesting facts, questions, and visual descriptions in their postcards. They are having a blast with this!

Writing: **Three Wishes**

The students wrote paragraphs about their three wishes. These paragraphs are unique because they practiced varied sentence structure. Students were required to begin each sentence in a much different way than they normally would. What a challenge! Next week, the students will begin writing their reader's responses to me again. We will also begin writing an expository essay in order to practice depth and detail.



Schedule of Events

- *Tue 1/13 Family Math Begins
- *Mon 1/19 No school- MLK's Birthdays
- *Fri 1/30 January Book Project Due

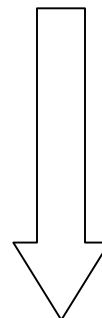
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Next week . . .

Will and Caroline

will be our outstanding
Coaching Assistants!





Notes from the Teacher:

Next week, we are going to begin putting together our Cinnamon Bear mobiles. We will be doing this each day from 2:40- 3:10pm. I would love to have some parent volunteers help us with this. If you are interested in coming in to help us, please email me as soon as possible and let me know what day(s) work for you. We can use all the help we can get!

This week, we also had a chance to meet with our first grade buddies. We wrote New Year's Resolutions with them and our class really helped the first graders understand what resolutions are all about. The week ended with Friday Fun which was space bingo! Each student created their own bingo board and had to figure out what object I was describing so they could mark it on their board. I would like to thank Mrs. Erens for being our story reader this week. She read us some fantastic books, one in particular about Martin Luther King, Jr. We all enjoyed having you! Have a great weekend and stay warm!