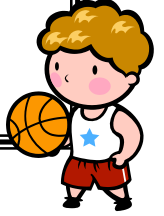




Extra! Extra! Read all about our WINNING TEAM!

Nov. 7th, 2008
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Grade 3
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Reading: **Non-Fiction Text**

This week, the students were introduced to a new way to write their weekly reader's response letters to me- via computer! There is a link on our welcome page of our website to the site we are using. Each student has a username and password they will use to write me a letter and check my response. It is very neat! In addition, we practiced our reading strategies while reading non-fiction text about animal adaptations. We read about all sorts of animals, from turtles to owls. The students made connections, built schema and asked questions while learning how to best read non-fiction.

Writing: **To Dissect or not to Dissect**

We are beginning to work on developing details in writing. Next week, the students will be starting persuasive papers on the fish dissection where they have to choose a side. Either they would like to keep it in the third grade curriculum or get rid of it. The goal of this paper is to help students develop depth and support in their writing.

Math: **Unit 4**

This week, we finished up Unit 3 and the students were assessed on their knowledge. They did a fabulous job! We began our fourth unit on place value, working with base ten blocks and cubes to truly understand this concept. You should have received a letter from me about this math unit. We will continue place value next week.

Social Studies: **President Obama**

There was a lot of excitement about the election! Students had a chance to reflect on what they learned about the government and elections. We also spent time discussing the results and electoral map. The students were so into it that they asked to compare this electoral map to the 2004 electoral map!

Science: **Vertebrate Groups and More**

We have continued to define the five vertebrate groups and what makes each unique. As we read about each group, the students learned how to truly highlight only the important information. Next week, we will be making posters of each group by having the students cut animals from magazines and place them in the correct groups. We will learn about endangered species and do a camouflage activity in class.



Schedule of Events

- *Monday 11/10 NCDAA Assembly @ 2:15
- *Tuesday 11/11 No School- Veterans Day
- *Friday 11/21 November Book Project Due

Grand Slam Coaching Assistants!

Next week . . .

Kevin and Jack

will be our outstanding
Coaching Assistants!



Notes from the Teacher:

The week began with our trip to see "The Magic Flute" at Evanston High School. It was a wonderful performance and the kids thoroughly enjoyed it. We discussed the elements of opera and also talked about being a good audience. Please remind your child to pick a fantasy book for their November book project as soon as possible. If they need help choosing, I would be glad to assist them. The project is due on Friday, November 21st. On Fridays, when spelling homework is due, please make sure your child either staples or paperclips their work together. There have been many loose papers turned in and that increases the chance of something getting lost. Our week ended with a visit from Mrs. Levin, who worked with us on logic puzzles. They were challenging and a lot of fun! Have a great weekend.



Hit a Homerun with our Word of the Week!



We were so busy this week that we did not have a chance to work with the word HEED (to obey or listen to). So, it will be our word of the week next week!