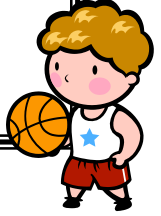




Extra! Extra! Read all about our WINNING TEAM!

Dec. 19th, 2008
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Grade 3
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Literacy: **It's the Cinnamon Bear!**

This week, we finished our Cinnamon Bear story. I am impressed with how well the students learned how to determine importance from each episode. Their listening skills have also improved quite a bit! It has been a wonderful learning experience. When we arrive back to school from break, we will still be doing some work with Cinnamon Bear. We will also be continuing our regular reader's and writer's workshops. We will focus on the strategy of sensory imaging while reading.

Math: **Moving Right Along**

The week ended with a posttest on unit 5. When the students get the test back, they will see two scores written on their assessment. The first score is the pretest score, taken before the unit began. The second score is the posttest score, taken on Thursday. You can truly see the growth each student made from these scores. After winter vacation, we will begin our sixth unit dealing with more difficult addition and subtraction.

Social Studies: **Exploration**

The students have learned many new ideas about the people who discovered America and the Natives who lived there. They also learned about why people explored and what it was like to explore. Students were assessed on a paragraph they wrote regarding whether or not they think Christopher Columbus and/or Leif Ericsson deserve a holiday.

KIDsmarts: **Our New Rules**

Students had a chance to do some reflecting on their own listening skills. They truly pointed out the places where they are doing well and the places they need some more work. When we arrive back from vacation, we will be beginning our bully prevention unit. We will start discussing what makes a good friend and move on to learning about what defines a bully and how to deal with bullies.


Science: **Moon Phases**

This week in science lab, the students learned about the moon phases, solar eclipses and lunar eclipses. This served as an introduction to the space unit we will be doing when we arrive back at school in January!



Schedule of Events

*Mon 1/5 School Resumes



Notes from the Teacher:

It was such a shame that we didn't have school today. Luckily, we did our Secret Pal exchange yesterday afternoon so the students were able to finally reveal their Secret Pals. The students were delighted as they opened their packets from their Secret Pals. I have never seen so many smiles! We will be rescheduling our holiday parties when we arrive back at school in January. As you know, the students worked hard on their Cinnamon Bear characters. When we arrive back at school, we will be making mobiles of the characters. Last, I gave the students a very small assignment over break. If possible, I would like them to interview someone older who was around either during the time of Cinnamon Bear or when radio was commonly used as entertainment. All of the information is on the sheet the students brought home. Thank you for your cooperation! I wish you all a wonderful holiday and a happy new year!

