



Extra! Extra! Read all about our WINNING TEAM!

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Grade 3
Greenbriar



Reading: **Developing Our Readers**

This week, we continued modeling and practicing making good, useful connections. The students also practiced independent reading and how to use their strategies while reading on their own. We read a wonderful book called "Let's Eat!" which allowed the students to truly practice connecting to their own schema.

Writing: **Developing Our Writers**

This week, the students were exposed to more literature that gave them writing ideas. Students wrote during writer's workshop and learned how to sign up for a writing conference with me to publish a piece of their writing. In addition, I modeled how to respond to a current events article with a summary and the students were able to write their own personal responses.

Social Studies: **Illinois and Beyond**

This week, the students explored Illinois, its bordering states and more. We will move into studying the world's geography next week.

Math: **Puzzles Galore**

The students successfully completed their second lab called "Kind of Bean" where they learned how to find the population by using a sample. We also began exploring different types of math puzzles and the students had a blast figuring out some line math puzzles. Next week, the students will practice solving word problems and learn different strategies for number operations.

Science: **Discovering the Prairie!**

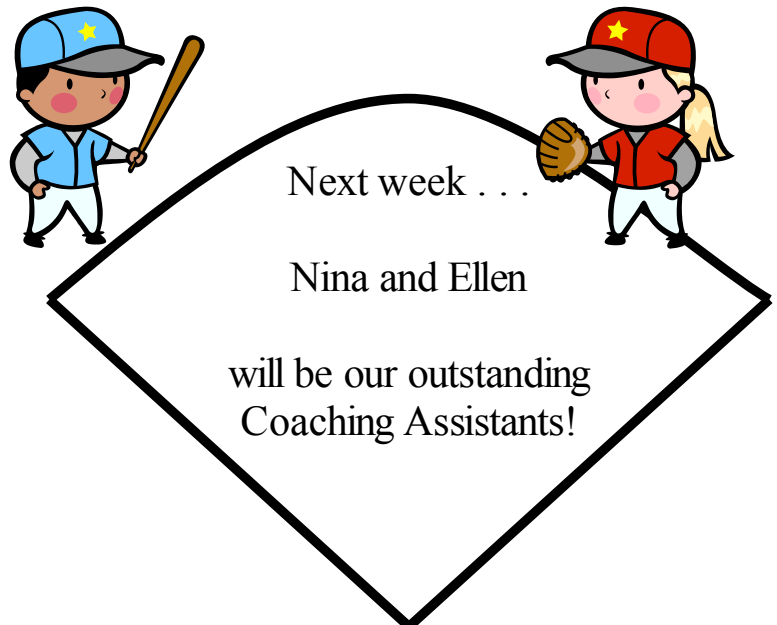
We began reading a book titled "A Walk in the Prairie" that took us on a visual journey through the Prairie. We have been learning about predators, prey, climate and the life cycle in the Prairie. We will continue this next week and our studies will be enhanced by our field trip.



Schedule of Events

- * Monday 9/22 Prairie Field Trip
- * Tuesday 9/23 Poet in Residence Assembly
- * Thursday 9/25 Poet Classroom Visit
- * Friday 9/26 Cartography Project Due
- * Tuesday 9/30 No School- Rosh Hashanah

Grand Slam Coaching Assistants!





Notes from the Teacher:

It was wonderful to see everyone at lift-off conferences. Thank you for taking the time to talk to me about your favorite subject, your child! We had a wonderful week and the students were very moved by the current event article we read about Hurricane Ike. They wanted to do something to help, so we have started a change jar in our classroom. If we raise \$35, we can have 250 pounds of food and water delivered to people in need through "Feed the Children." So, the students are encouraged to bring in their spare change. I am very excited that our poet in residence, Bill Buczinsky, will be here next week. We will attend his assembly on Tuesday and he will come to our classroom on Thursday afternoon for an hour visit! Last, we will be going on our Prairie Field Trip this coming Monday. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. Have a great weekend!



Hit a Homerun with our Word of the Week



Next week, we will be working with the word **PONDER** (to think deeply). Try pondering it this weekend. This past week, we worked with the word **ABODE**. The students wrote sentences drew different types of abodes, ranging from igloos to teepees to mansions.