



Extra! Extra! Read all about our WINNING TEAM!

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Reading: **Third Graders Love Reading!**

This week, we practiced our reader's workshop a bit more. In total, four students have done book chats and they were all wonderful. The students and I discussed metacognition (thinking about our thinking) and the difference between our reciting voice and our thinking voice. We read a wonderful story called "The Patchwork Quilt" and worked together to write a reader's response. We also learned how to find "just right" books and the students are all reading perfect books for them! We will continue working on reading strategies next week.

Writing: **Boo- Scary Stories!**

This week, the students began writing scary stories for the Pioneer Press Halloween contest. Hopefully, the students will finish these up so they can enter the contest. Some children may be bringing them home this weekend to finish. So far, the stories are vivid, creative and the kids have used lots of great vocabulary. We will continue with writer's workshop next week.

KIDsmarts: **AHHHH I am frustrated!**

This week, the students and I came up with strategies for dealing with frustration. Next week, we will continue to learn about different feelings (both comfortable and uncomfortable feelings) and how to cope with them.

Math: **Unit 2: Here We Come**

We have started our second math unit dealing with operation strategies. The students learned to add numbers by using groups of ten. I also showed them how to do the same with much larger numbers and groups of 100. We will continue this unit, as well as Otter Creek, next week.

Science: **Prairie, Prairie, Prairie!**

Since our field trip, we have been finishing our "Walk in the Prairie" book and learning all about the different ways animals and plants in the Prairie ecosystem work together. Students also worked on a "Brain Drain" where they were challenged to come up with a descriptive word about the Prairie with each letter of the alphabet. Next week, we will jump back into our social studies geography unit.



Schedule of Events

- *Friday 9/26 Happy Birthday Kevin!
- *Saturday 9/27 Happy Birthday Ellen!
- *Tuesday 9/30 No School- Rosh Hashanah
- *Wednesday 10/1 Open Mic Night 7:00

Grand Slam Coaching Assistants!





Notes from the Teacher:

We had a very nice time at the Prairie on Monday. Thanks again to the parent volunteers for accompanying us. The cartography maps that the students turned in today look great. I can tell they worked hard and enjoyed the assignment. At the end of next week, I will not be at school. I have a family obligation out of town that I will be attending. The students are lucky enough to have Alene Schaffner as their substitute, a former third grade teacher (now retired) from Greenbriar. They will be in excellent hands and Mrs. Lillig will be here, too! Many of you have been asking about the reading program through the school library for this year. The reading programs are done every other year, so the students do not need to track their reading outside school, but should still be reading 20 minutes each night. Due to the holiday of Rosh Hashanah beginning Monday at sunset and lasting through Tuesday evening, I will not be giving the students a spelling list for next week. Some of the, would only have Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to practice and that would not be enough. Thanks for understanding. Last, if possible, could you send your child with a pack of wipes to school? I like the kids to wipe their hands after lunch, especially to get rid of allergens that might harm other children. The water free antibacterial soap does not get rid of these allergens, but wipes do.

Thanks and have a great weekend!



Hit a Homerun with our Word of the Week

Next week, we will be working with the word **WALLOP** (to hit hard). This past week, we worked with the word **PONDER**. The students and I discussed the thing that we ponder in life.