



Mrs. Vaccarino's Class Classroom Newsletter December 13, 2019

Word Study: we are focusing on short vowel rules. This week we played head bands to review the meaning of our words and created word trees to review and brainstorm more short vowel words.

Math: we continued Topic 5 which focuses on applying strategies to achieve fluency with multiplication and division facts within 100.

- The students are using a multiplication table to help them solve their facts. They also learned how to use it for division.
- We reviewed strategies such as skip counting and properties of operations to multiply.
- The students used multiplication to write and solve real-world problems involving equal groups.

We will finish Topic 5 next week and have our test on Friday, Dec. 20.

Reading: This week we focused on recognizing descriptive structures and using them to organize thinking, checking our comprehension as we are reading by pausing at the end of paragraphs and asking, "what did the writer just teach me," and lastly we worked on our fluency when reading non-fiction, noticing how the author uses punctuation to guide us as we read.

Writing: we continue to stretch out our ideas in our expert book. We are also learning how to incorporate what we see in our nonfiction books into our writing. We are learning...

- the different text structures
 - identifying important vocabulary and deciding how to explain those words within sentences, using a glossary, or footnotes
- teaching with diagrams, and supporting your facts with examples, numbers, personal stories.



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