

Weekly Update

Mrs. Kohlhepp's 3rd Grade Class

This Week in 3rd Grade

We've had another busy, but fun-filled week! Mrs. Switkes visited us during reading time one day, and our reading support teacher, Mrs. Cook, took over on Wednesday afternoon when I had to leave early. She gave me a glowing report on how wonderful the kids were! I'm really proud of their hard work, focus, and enthusiasm to learn. :) Here's what else we've been up to...

Reading

This week, we worked on summarizing fiction stories. We started by using a graphic organizer called Who, Wants, But, So, Then. This helps the students to organize the main parts of the story and leave out the unimportant details. It tells who the main character is, what he/she wants, but what is the problem they encounter, so how do they solve it, and then what happens in the end. We then built on this by adding a character trait to the "Who" part, and the setting to the "Wants" part. We also can add the theme, or lesson, to the end. We will continue working on identifying theme next week.

Writing

This week, we worked some more on drafting personal narratives. Students tried adding sensory details to help SHOW the reader what happened, rather than just tell. We also explored ways to add dialogue to enhance the story. Next week, we will explore ways to write a strong ending, and then we'll move onto the next steps of the writing process: revising and editing.

Math

In math, we wrapped up our first Bridges unit by working on strategies for solving multi-step problems involving addition and subtraction. Students took the Unit 1 post-assessment on Thursday. On Monday, we will begin Unit 2: Introduction to Multiplication.

Social Studies

This week, we came up with our Inquiry Challenge Statement for our final products: We will create a slide-based presentation in order to inspire our community to celebrate diverse cultures. Students have been placed into groups of 4 to complete the project. We examined other projects made by students to determine what elements make a project strong. Then each group brainstormed ideas for what to put into their slideshows and created rough drafts of their slides. Next week, we will work on creating the actual slides and have a gallery to view each other's work!

Photos from This Week:



Important Dates

- Oct. 14th: Heritage Night
- Oct. 18th: Early Dismissal
- Oct. 17-22: Book Fair (**class shopping date Wed. 10/19**)
- Oct. 31st: Halloween Parade & Party (Time TBD)