

Weekly Update

Mrs. Kohlhepp's 3rd Grade Class

This Week in 3rd Grade

We had a fun week of special dress days, wrapping up with school spirit day today. Thank you, thank you, thank you for all of the classroom donations! We now have enough 1-Liter bottles for this month's Number Corner! Also, today, it was so nice out that we took our new library books outside to do our independent reading. This week, I also sent out a Sign-Up Genius link to those who I do not yet have signed up for a parent-teacher conference. Please sign up for a time ASAP so that I can add you to my schedule. I will send home confirmations for everyone in November so that you can ensure you are still able to make that date & time. Here's what else we've been up to...

Reading

This week, we talked about identifying character traits for the main characters in our fiction books. We also found examples from the story to use as evidence of those traits. These included the character's behaviors (actions, speaking, thoughts). I gave everyone a bookmark that includes a list of trait words, and on the reverse side is a list of feelings. This has been helping students to identify traits in their independent books as well. Next week, we will begin working on summarizing fiction stories.

Writing

This week, students got to try out several different types of leads, including sound effect, action, talking, question, and snapshot. Then writers chose the lead they think works best for their story, and they began drafting using their planning page. Next week, we will work on adding sensory details to build our stories.

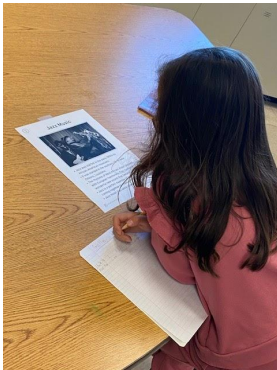
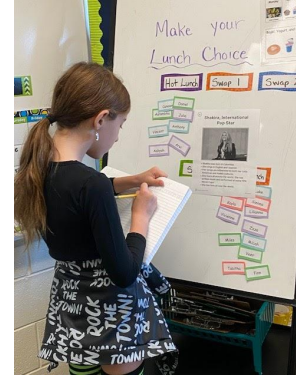
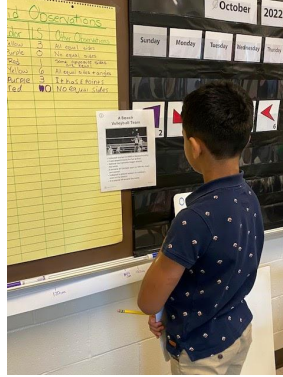
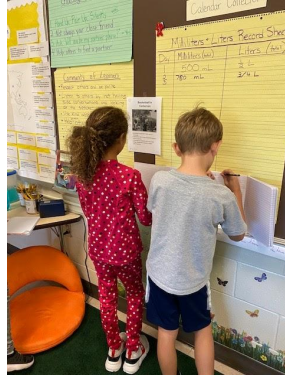
Math

In math, we learned some new games for Work Places - Carrot Grab and Rabbit Tracks. These are both board games that involve adding larger numbers using mental addition strategies. Students had to break apart numbers to hop by ones, 10s, and 100s on the board. We also did some problem strings this week where students used a simple base problem to then solve more challenging problems. Next week, we will finish our first unit of addition and subtraction by looking at word problems involving larger numbers. The Unit 1 test will be on Thursday.

Social Studies

This week, students learned about different ways that they are already connected to other cultures around the world. We went on a gallery walk around the room to see posters that gave examples of foods, music, clothing, languages that we may be familiar with because they have become a part of our American culture as well. Students are beginning to think about actions they can take to strengthen some of their global connections. Next week, we will begin our final projects for this unit.

Photos from This Week:



Important Dates

- Oct. 14th: Heritage Night
- Oct. 18th: Early Dismissal
- Oct. 17-22: Book Fair (**class shopping date Wed. 10/20**)
- Oct. 31st: Halloween Parade (Time TBD)