

Weekly Update

Mrs. Kohlhepp's 3rd Grade Class

This Week in 3rd Grade

We've had a fantastic first week of school! We are really enjoying getting to know one another and building our class TEAM community. The children are doing a fabulous job getting the hang of our routines and procedures. Each Friday, I will share a bit about what we've done in each subject throughout the week. Here's what we've been up to...

Reading / Writing

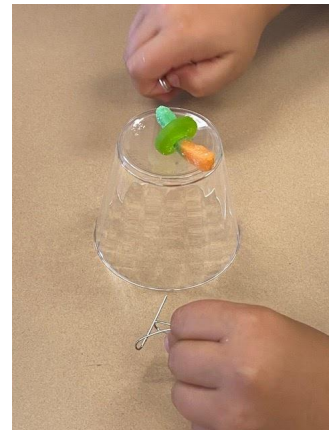
This week, we sorted and organized the books in our classroom library. The children worked together to label each book basket and decided where different genres of books should go on the shelves. We created a nonfiction section and a fiction section. We also talked about how to choose a "Just Right Book" by using the 3 finger rule. Ask your child to explain how this works. Then students got to go book shopping to choose their first two books to place in their book bins!

Math

In math this week, we began our first unit - Addition & Subtraction. Coming home today in your child's Take Home folder is a letter informing you about our math program pilot. We are using a program called Bridges in Mathematics. In these first few lessons, students created glyphs to show some of their learning preferences. We then explored different ways to sort them and record data on a graph. Part of the Bridges program includes something called Number Corner, which students participate in each morning at the end of our morning meeting. We started this week by exploring patterns on our September number calendar and collecting data through surveys.

Science / Social Studies

This week, we did a few STEM challenge team-building activities. One was the paper bridge challenge, where student groups had to create a bridge out of paper that could support the weight of about 75 pennies. Another was Save Fred, where partners could only use paperclips to try and save Fred the gummy worm by getting his life preserver (a gummy lifesaver) out from under his capsized boat (a cup) and then put it around him. Some photos from both of these activities are included below!



Important Dates

- September 26th: NO SCHOOL
- Sept. 27, 28, 30: Pictures (our class's specific date TBD)
- September 29th: Back to School Night (early dismissal)
- October 5th: NO SCHOOL