

The First Grade Friday Flash!

Mrs. Barnes' Class News

Friday, October 27, 2006

Math

We completed our first math assessment this week. We are now working on surveying. We have focused on "Would you rather" questions, including Joseph's question: Would you rather be a fox or a hedgehog? Attached to the newsletter this week you will see an example of the survey representations we did during class. On Monday students will survey each other with questions they drafted themselves. We will also begin our new math unit, Quilt Squares and Block Towns.

Literacy

Personal Narratives are now finished! Please stop by the first grade wing to see our wonderful work! I am very proud of the time and effort each child put into this project. We are beginning a new narrative which we will also take through the writing process. In addition, we are focusing on the short i sound and spelling blends that include short i. Finally, students continue to develop their independent writing skills through journaling, science response journals and handwriting.

Science

We focused on learning to tell read thermometers and identifying cloud types this week. Students discussed two types of temperature measurement, Celsius and Fahrenheit. They are learning the difference between stratus, cumulus and cirrus clouds. Each day students journal about the weather and take a turn as class meteorologist. Ask your child about the weather!

Homework:

Thank you for your support with homework. A few reminders based on questions I received from students and parents: Homework packets are due Thursday morning. Students must

return them completed to have recess that day. A completed packet includes a reading log totaling at least 100 minutes and completed math and literacy worksheets. The literacy worksheet is to be completed using the Pair-It books provided. Often the sheet asks students to compare the two books. Let me know if you have any further questions.

Literacy Volunteering:

Literacy volunteering will start during the first full week of November. I will get the schedules out over email and hardcopy early next week. If you did not get to sign up for this and would like to, please email me your availability. We will do this from 10:25-11:00 most days.
Thanks for your support.

Halloween Party

The Halloween party will be on Halloween in our classroom. It will be from 1:00-1:35. Students are allowed to bring costumes to change into for the party. We are required to have students remove costumes before leaving the classroom, so I have factored in some dress and undress time. All parents and younger siblings are welcome. Please join us for some Halloween fun.

DATES TO REMEMBER!!!

Halloween Party

October 31, 2006

1:00-1:35pm (in our classroom)

HOMEWORK DUE

November 3, 2006

Mrs. Barnes at training

November 7, 2006