



The First Grade Friday Flash!



Mrs. Barnes' Class News

Wednesday, November 22, 2006

Thank You!

Thank you for joining us for the thankful slideshow on Wednesday. I know there were some families unable to attend the show, and I am happy to let you view it at some point. I will see if there is a way to make it available via e-mail as well. The students did a fantastic job with this project and have demonstrated a great deal of patience during our computer lab sessions. They are eager to learn new programs and ask great questions. I would like to especially mention Shannon Raile, our fabulous computer lab parent helper. She is always here to help the class and does a great job. Thanks Shannon!

Math

This week we focused on drawing and manipulating three dimensional shapes. We looked at the footprints each 3-D object leaves based on the different faces of the object. Students are learning some helpful drawing techniques for showing a three dimensional object too! Our class listed the necessary community buildings for our Blocktown and will create the town next week. It will remain on display in the classroom for the weeks leading up to winter break. I anticipate great work and encourage you to stop by to see how things turn out!

Literacy

The class is finishing our personal narrative assessment next week. We are asking students to go through the writing process independently to gauge their progress. This assessment will be used in tandem with the previous two writing projects to determine the writing objective grades for report cards. At the

conclusion of the assessment we will begin our fictional writing unit, a unit focusing on both fictional writing and expository writing about books. Students will plan and write their own fiction story and learn how to write a clear and detailed story summary.

Science

Our class has been reviewing our science unit in preparation for assessments and wrapping up the weather inquiry portion of the unit. The science homework for Thanksgiving break asks students to observe the night sky and record their observations. We will use this information to learn about the night sky next week. We will also finish the unit with some weather graphing to chart changes in the weather over a period of time. (Even though it feels like the weather only seems to change from bad to worse!)

Homework:

**Science Night Sky observation:
DUE TUESDAY, Nov. 28th!!!**

Reading log:

DUE FRIDAY, Dec. 1st!

Thank you for taking the time to conference with me. Bellevue School District requires one conference period with each student's family. However, I am open to speaking with you regarding your child's progress at any time. Please let me know as the year progresses. I am enjoying my time with this class and look forward to a fun December.

DATES TO REMEMBER!!!

NO SCHOOL → 11/23 & 11/24

Book Orders Due → 12/1