

Mrs. Matthews' Class

September 23, 2016

Important Dates:

Book Fair Preview Day- Tuesday, September 20th Book Fair Purchase Day- Wed., September 21st September 27th (Conference Day) 12:40 Dismissal September 27th Student-Led Conferences September 23rd 2:55 Dismissal (Homecoming) February 21st 2nd Grade Music Program



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Writing:

This week we evaluated all of the mini lessons and revisions that we've made to our narrative and wrote a 'less sloppy copy'. Students chose additions from ALL of our mini lessons and decided what would make up their final narrative! After that, we began the editing process. We learned three quotation mark rules, depending on where the tag is placed. We practiced editing a short passage using these rules and then we edited our own narratives applying these rules. Finally, we edited for punctuation and capitalization. We can't wait to publish our narratives next week!







PBL: This week, we continued learning about citizenship in our nation. We learned about the different symbols of the US and what they mean as well as what the words/phrases in the Pledge of Allegiance mean. Then, we identified things we already know about our national Government and what we want to know. We read about the job of our Government and its leaders, what our constitution is and does, and that our citizens "run" our Government by voting in an election! What a week!

Reading: In reading this week, we learned about how we use schema and evidence in the text to make solid inferences. We practiced with a pair of 'mystery shoes' and we noticed things about them and then inferred things about the person who wears them! After that we learned that we can infer things from pictures too! We inferred things about a photograph of a winter day and then we practiced inferring about a character in our read-aloud, the BFG, by Roald Dahl. Finally, we read short passages and inferred things about the setting and characters in them. We'll continue practicing this all year by answering inferential questions about text.

In small group this week, we learned what a summary is and what words we can use to write a good summary. We started reading a short story together and identified difficult words for a later lesson on context clues.

3rd Grade Math: We took our unit 2 assessment on Monday and did great! Part B was tough, but remember, these skills do appear again in later chapters! We worked this week identifying the parts of a ruler and how to measure to the nearest ¼ of an inch. We also reviewed fractions to help us with our measurement. We used different rulers with different marks to practice measuring to the whole, half and quarter inch separately. We will continue measurement next week embedded in other skills!





