



Fun in First Grade



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Peek at our Week

Reading: We read the Folktale "How Leopard Got His Spots" targeting the skill of sequencing events. We also read the informational text "The Rain Forest" making connections to other texts, the world and ourselves. When you read stories together at home be sure to pause and make connections along the way to increase comprehension.

Writing/Grammar: We practiced blending and writing words with the digraphs ch, & tch. We continued working with proper nouns and possessives with 's. Possessives can be confusing for young children and it would be beneficial to practice this writing skill at home (e.g., Seth's room is clean. The room belongs to Seth so use the possessive 's).

Math: Chapter 9 focuses on more addition strategies. We learned to start with the greater number and count on to find sums. We also estimated sums, and then added to check our estimations. Lastly, we used ten-frames to find ways to make 11 and 12. We will review Monday for a test on Tuesday over Chapter 9 concepts.



"Paws" for These Events

Tue., Dec. 13th - Tiger Tuesday wear blue & gold!

Wed., Dec. 21st - 2:00 dismissal

Thurs., Dec. 22nd - 2:00 dismissal & classroom winter parties, Wear PJ's!!!!

Fri., Dec. 23rd - No School; Winter break begins

Sun., Dec. 25th - Merry Christmas!

Tues., Jan. 3rd - Students return to school

Great ideas for home:

- Make addition flashcards to practice math fluency
- Ask your child what level they are on in Rocket Math
- See how many addition problems he/she can answer in a one-minute timing
- Read together, every night!

Notes from the Teacher:

This week our class wrote letters to a Joplin, MO tornado victim who is struggling with her recovery. Part of her therapy involves walking to the mailbox each day. We hope to lift her spirits with our letters of encouragement and well wishes!



December Paw Pride Trait: HONESTY

Some great lessons can be learned through storytelling. This week we emphasized the importance of honesty by revisiting the story "The Boy Who Cried Wolf". We talk about honesty when we practice our rocket math. We show honesty by not starting early and by stopping when the one-minute time is up, whether or not we met our goal.

