

Fun in First Grade

September 30, 2011
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Peek at our Week

Reading:

We read "Gus Takes the Train", "City Zoo" and a couple more books about animals. Focus was on the letters "qu" and "z" and the short u sound in our spelling words. We have quite a list of high frequency words that have been taught so please continue to practice these words as we will have cumulative assessment next Friday (list on back). All students have been tested in reading and are being placed in small groups to maximize learning.

Writing:

Wow! Our writing is really taking off! Students are using nouns, verbs and adjectives to write sentences about their favorite animal or a make-believe animal. Please continue to encourage your first grader to use those descriptive words to make their writing more interesting! It is a good idea to make a list of "exciting" descriptive words to avoid the familiar "good" and "cool" descriptors they use.

Math:

This week we practiced the terms "less than" and "greater than". We are working with numbers up to 31 so students really must be able to recognize, write, and read their numbers for success. We also ordered these numbers and worked on ordinal numbers (first, second, thirds, etc.). Test Monday!



"Paws" for These Events

September 30th - Progress Reports

October 4th - 

 wear blue & gold!!!

October 7th - Noon Dismissal & Paw Pride Celebration!

October 10th - No School Columbus Day



Grrreat Ideas!

Get outside and enjoy this beautiful fall weather with your first grader! Work together on using new and unique adjectives to describe the ever-changing leaves falling from the trees! Have your child pick his/her favorite leaf and write a descriptive paragraph about it. Or make a "leaf-man" and describe how he changes with the seasons! Bring your project in to share with the class when you are finished if you'd like!

News from the Teacher:

Progress reports reflect grades taken so far this quarter. Please keep in mind the first couple weeks of school focus on learning our routines and rules. There are several categories that we have not yet introduced and therefore the N/A is marked on the progress report. Please access Skyward for information in regards to individual grades. Call or email if you have questions!



Character Education: RESPECT



- Our Paw Pride Celebration is next Friday! If your child displayed appropriate behaviors 85% of the school days in September they will be able to celebrate being respectful with a fun group activity! Eighty-five percent success means they stayed "on green" 85% of the school days in September. Of course there are exceptions to this rule for extreme or intense behaviors. Some exclusionary factors may be, but are not limited to, fighting, vandalism and bullying.