

# MRS. CATHERWOOD'S CASTLE NEWS!

## Covey Habit

### Put First Things First

September 16, 2011

## In The Classroom:

### Hello!

We have been working extremely hard in all subject areas! Your children have contributed wonderful insights and ideas. I am constantly impressed by their thoughts. **Agenda Reminder:** If you have not sent \$12 for your child's agenda purchase, please do so as soon as possible. If money is an issue, please let me know.

### Math Workshop:

The students have done a fabulous job with story problems and solidifying number sense. We have been breaking apart numbers or totals into two smaller numbers called "partners." The work we have been doing will solidify understanding adding and subtracting multi-digit numbers and to understand the inverse relationships of addition and subtraction.

### Reader's Workshop:

Schema is your prior knowledge, or what you already know about a particular topic. We have learned

how readers use their schema to understand stories better. We have also been learning to predict. Readers use their schema to predict as well! The children have been predicting events, characters' emotions, and possible outcomes by reading book titles, examining details of cover illustrations, and by going on picture walks. We have also learned that it is important to stop and predict as you read and check to see if your predictions were right. The children have done a fabulous job writing and discussing their thinking! Encourage your child to use these strategies at home!

### Writer's Workshop:

In writer's workshop, we have learned about the different purposes of letters. The children have planned and written letters to various people in their lives. They have learned the parts of a letter: Heading, Greeting, Body, Closing, and Signature. We are using the Combs mail service to send letters to people in our school. Encourage your children to mail their letter by USPS if they bring home a letter for someone! Next week, we will move into story writing.



### Science/ S.S.:

We will begin science next week on our Sound unit. We have been spending time making connections to our families and especially our grandparents!

### Word Study:

Your child will come home with words on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will have our quiz 2 weeks following.

### Important Dates & Upcoming Events:

Curriculum Night (in Gym - 6:00)	9-20
Interims for students below grade level	9-29
No School - Workday	9-30
Walk to School Day	10-5

## Crowning Behavior!

### Hip! Hip! Hooray!

Congratulations to Alanna and Britton! Both girls have worked very hard on putting first things

first and making sure their work was finished! Way to go on staying focused!

### Class Wishlist:

- Classical music CD
- Playground equipment
- Letter Writing Paper (Stationary)
- cans - vegetable, fruit, etc. With tops/bottoms cut off
- Used or new puzzles/games