

MRS. CATHERWOOD'S CASTLE NEWS!

Covey Habit

Begin With the End in Mind

October 14, 2011

Important Dates & Upcoming Events:

QR Sound Project	10-24-28
Field Trip	10-27
Fall Celebration	10-28
Conferences	10-31
Class Spelling Bee	11-10
No School	11-11

In The Classroom:

Hello!

Thank you to all the parents who have been reviewing and signing agendas on a daily basis! We are just getting into the routine of recording and turning in our homework each week.

Math Workshop:

We'll be doing Mad Minutes every Friday. It is a timed math facts test. The students are given 30 math problems to solve in under 4 minutes. When they pass a test twice they get to move to the next level. They all begin with addition then move to subtraction, multiplication, and division. There are three levels of tests in each: less than ten, greater than ten, and assorted. We graph our scores in our data notebooks.

Reader's Workshop:

Good readers have reactions when they read and they share them with others. We've been sharing what is exciting, scary, surprising, or confusing in the books we read. In the next few weeks we will work on retelling characters, setting,

plot, and problem/solution.

Writer's Workshop:

In writer's workshop, we have been learning how to conference with a partner as well as an adult. We have discussed ways to give constructive feedback and encouraging compliments to other writers. We have also learned that it is OK to make changes and add more to our writing! Additionally, we have started to discuss small moment stories. As writer's, we want the reader to be able to picture the story in their mind, so we are trying to stretch out one moment in our day instead of listing the whole day/whole trip.

Science/ S.S.:

In science we have continued on with our Sound Unit. We are diving deep into some new vocabulary: volume, pitch, tension, vibration, amplification. We have also been able to make many different instruments to showcase these vocabulary words: Guitars (string and peg board), kazoos, and drums (chamois, vinyl, and balloon). Come see our hall display where you can scan our QR Videos with your smart phone!



Word Study:

Please note that your child's quiz may contain words that were not on their original list, but that follow one of the patterns/sorts. Our quiz will be on Oct. 21st!

Crowning Behavior!

Hip! Hip! Hooray!

Congratulations to Jenesis and Claire! Both girls have been focused during writing time and have

been going above and beyond to add amazing details to their stories! Way to go girls!

Class Wishlist:

- Flip Video Camera
- AA Batteries
- Children's Thesaurus
- Class Pet - Frog!
- Headphones with 2 plugs - speaker and audio for recording
- Fraction Games/Items