

Mrs. Catherwood's Castle News!

Word Families:

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October 19, 2012

In The Classroom:

Hello!

Thank you to those who helped support our Cookie Voting Event and our upcoming Pumpkin Seed Counting and Fall Party! We couldn't do it without you!

Math Stations:

We worked on solving subtraction problems and writing subtraction equations, practiced how to "count on" to solve simple addition problems, identified nickels and pennies and counted coins together, and rotated around math stations that included solving word problems for addition and subtraction problems while being sure to show work with pictures and/ or math equations; used dice to solve 3 number addition equations; compared numbers using greater than and less than; worked on using tally marks; and practiced writing addition and subtraction equations (vertically and horizontally).

Literacy:

Crowning Behavior!

Hip! Hip! Hooray!

"HIP! HIP! HOORAY!" to Kieran for always doing her best and using lower case letters. To Matt

We have used the following reading strategies: Eagle Eye (looking at pictures); Lips the Fish (getting lips ready to make letter sounds); Stretchy Snake (stretch out sounds to figure out words); "Chunky Monkey" (finding chunks in words to help read them ex. blends, endings, etc.); and Flippy Dolphin (flip vowel sound to make word make sense). We read the book "If I were the president..." and wrote about how we would help others.

Writer's Workshop:

We have begun to use our 1st quarter writing rubrics to self-assess our stories. In addition, we have started to use plans to help us with writing a great beginning, middle, and end so that we can stretch our stories out more!

Science/Social

Studies:

The 1st grade team has started a project entitled "Spirit of Democracy." We have been discussing how our country is a democracy and what that means. To model and give students a real life example of democracy in action, each 1st grade class has voted and will campaign for a specific kind of spirit



day we will all celebrate. You may hear your child discuss this project, making campaign posters, etc. We then created a commercial for "PE Day!" and it won the majority vote! We celebrated on Friday 19th in the gym!

***Word Study quiz will be on Oct. 26th! Please see your child's list of words this week in their GO Folder!

Please send in any size used tennis shoes that have rubber soles for our Run For The Planet Event on Oct. 26th at 12:00 on the front track. Please come out and cheer us on!

Important Dates & Upcoming Events:

Walk to School Day	10-25
Field Trip	
200m Run For The Planet	10-26
Pumpkin Seed Counting	10-26
Fall Celebration	10-30
No School	10-31

Class Wishlist:

- Creation Station items
- GLITTER or METALLIC gel pens
- Letter Writing Paper (Stationary) \$ store
- 3M Scotch painters tape (tan & wide)
- printer ink HP 56 & 57
- Avery labels size TINY!! For Go Folders