

Mrs. Catherwood's Castle News!

Word Families:

Review Blends

November 16, 2012

In The Classroom:

Hello!

Please check out our amazing podcasts about eating healthy and exercising on our class website!

Math Stations:

In math we have continued to work on solving addition and subtraction word problems using different strategies. We also created a Turkey out of pattern blocks and compared our data that we graphed. We even made turkey fact family hats where we showed how many ways we could make 1 number. ($8 = 12 - 4$, $8 + 4$, $9 + 3$, $16 - 8$). We also noticed what key words in a word problem tell you to add (how many in all, how many altogether) and subtract (how many are left). We also discovered the many strategies you can use to solve word problems (pictures, fingers, math mountains, equations, etc). Practice with your child by making up your own math word problems and using the key words to know if it is addition or subtraction. Let your child give you a word problem to solve and show him/her your strategy of solving it!

Crowning Behavior!

Hip! Hip! Hooray!

"HIP! HIP!
HOORAY!" to Raghad for stretching out her sounds when she writes. And to Nico

Literacy:

We watched *Eating Right* on Brainpopjr.com and completed fishbone diagram as a class to describe healthy foods, unhealthy foods, exercises, things you do that are not exercises. We also watched *Exercise* on Brainpopjr.com and discussed why exercising is important to stay healthy and how your heart is a muscle that needs exercises to get stronger. In Reader's Workshop, we are spending much of our time on working on retelling stories using specific details such a describing the characters, setting, and major events. We tell students it's more than just telling the characters' names but who are they in the story, what did they do, how did they change, etc. In discussing the major events in stories, we tell students that we are looking for the 2-3 most important things that happened in a story. We encourage students to use the language, "First, this happened. Then,... Finally, ..." Continue this vocabulary at home as ways to practice retelling stories you and your child read.

Writer's Workshop:

Worked on writing a paragraph by writing a beginning sentence. 3 details.



Science/Social Studies:

We have continued our healthy learning unit by going grocery shopping for each food group and by completing a bubble map of ways they keep their body healthy. We also synergized to create persuasive speeches for our podcasts!

***We will be reviewing our word families and blends. Our next quiz will be in Dec. Our new words will come home on Monday 26th.

Important Dates & Upcoming Events:

Family Feast, Video Conference	11-19
No School	11-21 - 11-23
Inaugural Ball - Centennial Middle	11-29

Class Wishlist:

- Pom Poms, popsicle sticks, ribbon, wrapping paper
- 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