

Mrs. Catherwood's Castle News!

Word Families:

-ch, -qu, a, e, i, o, u, y

November 1, 2013

In The Classroom:

Hello!

We are learning some exciting new things including how to use technology!

Math Workshop:

We have begun to learn about interchanging addition and subtraction problems by using math mountains. See our parent videos for ways to help your child at home. We are also beginning to learn how to tell the difference between addition and subtraction word problems using key vocabulary. We have also begun discussing tens and ones in a number and will begin comparing/contrasting numbers from 20-100.

Reader's Workshop

In reader's workshop we have read Arthur's Halloween, There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Bat, Flora's Windy Day, and Trick or Treat Smell My Feet. We have been focusing on inferring new words and telling what we think they could mean by sounding it out, looking at the pictures, and reading more! We

have also been focusing on character development. How are the characters feeling in different parts of the story and why? Lastly, we have been working on retelling using the transition words: First, Then, Next, and Last.

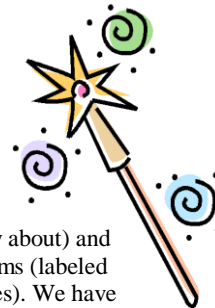
Writer's Workshop:

In WS we have been combining with reader's workshop by learning about character development. We have been discussing how we can describe the inside and outside of a character – how they act/feel vs. how they look/defining features – girl, boy, son, daughter, etc. Students are used to listing actions/events in their stories, but they also need to start adding and developing characters in their story too just like in the books they read!

Science/Social

Studies:

We have been spending time learning about bats, owls, and birds. We have begun our non-fiction study and have talked about subtitles (what the section is



mainly about) and diagrams (labeled pictures). We have compared and contrasted how owls and bats are the same/different. We will begin our Organisms unit next week!

We will be looking forward the next two weeks learning about healthy foods and living, as well as pilgrims and Indians. We will be doing a special lesson on eating healthy for Leadership Day! Our quizzes are on the 4th, 13th, and 20th.

Important Dates & Upcoming Events:

No School	11-11
Pilgrim Webcast	11-22
Leadership Day - Dress for Success	11-14
Family Feast	11-25
No School	11-27, 28, 29

Turkey Video Conference International Festival	11-26
Interims Go Home	12-6
Field Trip	12-6

Class Wishlist:

- Creation Station items
- stickers for sticker stories
- Letter Writing Paper (Stationary)
- Child Scissors
- 3M scotch masking tape - wide -

Crowning Behavior!

Hip! Hip! Hooray!

"HIP! HIP! HOORAY!" to Moriah and Aidan! Moriah has been working hard to show her work in

math! Way to go! Qaasim has been Putting 1st Things 1st with his work and using lowercase letters. Way to go!

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