

Mrs. Catherwood's Castle News!

Word Families:

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In The Classroom:

Hello!

Thank you to those who have been coming in to volunteer your time! Volunteers are needed all the time!

Math Stations:

We began work on using math mountain strategy to figure out unknown partner. We also practiced solving addition and subtraction word problems, identifying missing numbers in addition problems, using various strategies to solve word problems (equations, math mountain, pictures), and writing own subtraction word problems. We are working hard on learning to count on to help us when adding numbers. Help your child practice this important concept while riding in the car, waiting in line, etc. Give your child an addition equation (8+2). Have your child put 8 in his head and then count on 2 more. Or, for subtraction (8-2) have your child put 8 in his head and count down 2 times.

Literacy:

We practiced reading strategies of retelling using the story elements of describing characters and setting, as well as sharing text to self connections made in books (what in a story reminds you of something that has happened to you) whether it is an event or feeling. During your own reading time at home, discuss with your child what author does he/she enjoy. Why do they like that author? How do the books that author writes remind you of others? These types of conversations are wonderful to have to explore text to text connections. However, a connection between one book may not even be written by the same author. Books can similar connections because of the characters, what happens in the story, the problem in the book, etc.

Writer's Workshop:

We reviewed what good writer do including using capital letters, periods and learning the difference in what makes a complete and incomplete sentence. We also wrote a cinquain poem about the season of fall. We introduced "hamburger writing" in which students use a hamburger as an analogy to write a beginning sentence, supporting details, and closing sentence to make a complete paragraph.



Science/Social Studies:

We are wrapping up our measurement unit and are diving into healthy living. Begin to talk with your child about what foods belong in what food group and what a healthy meal looks like. Also, explore some outside activities to get your hearts pumping!

***Word Study quiz will be on Oct. 16th.

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

Crowning Behavior!

Hip! Hip! Hooray!

"HIP! HIP! HOORAY!" to Aniyah for being a leader in writing! She is writing longer complete

sentences! And to Saatvik for always going above and beyond doing quality work!