

Mrs. Catherwood's Castle News!

Word Families:

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December 7, 2012

In The Classroom:

Hello!

Please check out our latest photos and videos on our class website. Most of them have been uploaded from the year so far!

Math Stations:

In math we have worked on making ten sticks and circles for 2-digit numbers, comparing numbers with greater than/less than symbols, and putting numbers in order based on their value. We also have practiced making equations that have the same total (4 + 8, 16 - 4, 13 - 1, etc.)

Literacy:

We practiced reading strategies of identifying major events in a story using "time words" (first, then, next, finally). We created a holiday ornament or decoration and then completed flow chart of how you would make the decoration using transition words. We also have been reading non-fiction texts about various holiday traditions and made connections of our own.

Writer's Workshop:

We have reviewed writing a beginning sentence, 3 details, and closing sentence as well as adding descriptive words to make writing exciting to read.

Science/Social

Studies:

We "traveled" around the world to learn how other people celebrate holidays. Our class toured Diwali, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Ramadan and we'll study other countries and traditions next week as well. Have your child share their knowledge with you about traditions from the different countries we have visited. What a wonderful opportunity for students to develop a sense of understanding of how others' traditions may be different than theirs. Have your child choose one holiday tradition and compare and contrast that tradition from one in your own family.



We have begun our new science unit on Organisms. We have been investigating different plant and animal life like Elodea and Cabomba, tree seedlings and moss, and guppies and snails.

***We will be reviewing our word families and blends next week. Our quiz will be on Dec. 14th.

Important Dates & Upcoming Events:

Holidays	12-6 -
Around the	12 -14
World 8:30-	
9:20	
Barnes &	12-11
Noble Night	
International	12-17
Festival	
Movies &	
Winter	12-20
Celebration	
Early	12-21
Release	

Crowning Behavior!

Hip! Hip! Hooray!

"HIP! HIP!
HOORAY!" to Cadet
for always putting
first things first and
finishing his work!

And to Emma for
always wanting to add
more details to her
writing by beginning
with the end in mind!

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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