

Mrs. Catherwood's Castle News!

Word Families:

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January 25, 2013

In The Classroom:

Hello!

We have been putting the Covey Habit "Think Win-Win" to use in our classroom by striving for mutually beneficial agreements. We are showing that we value and respect one another.

Math Workshop:

We have extended our math learning the past two weeks by learning how to add and count up to 100 using a hundreds board. We are continuing to solve word problems, but have used our adding to 100 knowledge in adding up to \$1.00 or 100 cents. We have discussed that if we want something, we can find out how much we have to save!

Reader's Workshop:

In RW, we have been focusing heavily on what the Author's message is. We have discovered that all works have writing have the purpose to either entertain, persuade or inform. After reading a book, a class pole would be taken asking what they think the author's message

is. Students were responsible for sharing details in the text to help support their decision.

Writer's Workshop:

In WS, we have begun to focus on conducting research and informative writing. Using synergy, each student and a partner created a lotus with information of a famous NC landmark. Each student then individually created their own travel brochure. This type of synergy-research will be continued when we research different star constellations! We are still focusing on capitalizing proper nouns. We are beginning to discuss space and placing appropriate spacing between words.

Science/Social

Studies:

In S.S. we have discussed how North Carolina is divided into 3 regions based on how the land is leveled (mountains, piedmont, and coast). We have been



using synergy to create landmark brochures and Google Earth to understand the differences between a city, state, and country. We will be focusing on the moon phases during calendar time and doing a star constellation research project! In February, we will be doing a brand new Science Unit on Balance and Motion!

Important Dates & Upcoming Events:

No School	1-21& 22, 2-18
Early Release	2-15, 3-15
Spring Break	3-28 thru 4-5
NASA Video Conference	1-24
Report Cards go home	1-28
100 th Day of School!	2-5
Stop Hunger Now	2-11
Valentine's Day	2-14
Dr. Seuss Week!	2-25
Read Across America Day	3-1

Crowning Behavior!

Hip! Hip! Hooray!

"HIP! HIP! HOORAY!" to Matthew and Anna! Matthew has been working hard in

writing showing uppercase and lowercase letters! Way to go Matthew! Anna has shown "Being Proactive" in her work by taking

responsibility when it comes to producing great, quality work! Way to go Anna!

Class Wishlist:

- 2 liter bottles (we'll need A LOT!)
- Marbles (different sizes)
- Fishing Line
- Coffee stirrers
- 24 wire hangers
- Small post-its
- Popsicle sticks
- Snacks for 100th day of school (see google doc)

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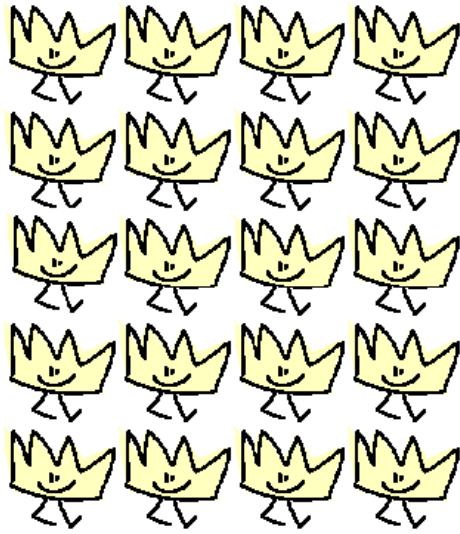
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pot shot knot
trot plot spot

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fine line mine
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canine whine spine



Parent Comments:

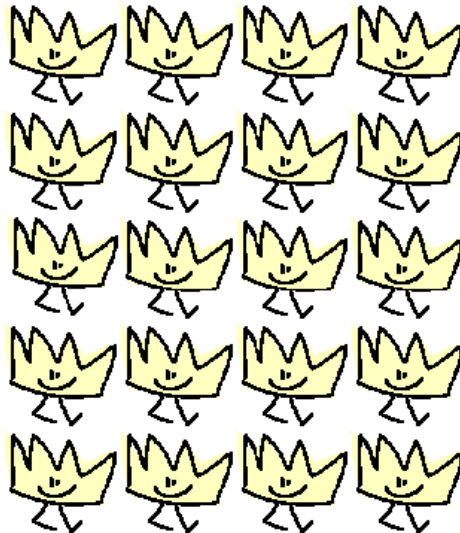
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Reminders/Thank You:

Ms. Williams is with us everyday until she leaves for Brazil at the end of March. Her student teaching experience blog can be found at <http://ohhtheplacesyoullgo.weebly.com/> Thank you parents for all your support and all that you do!



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Check out our class website!