

Mrs. Catherwood's Castle News!

Word Families:

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February 22, 2013

In The Classroom:

Hello!

We have been thinking about globalization in our classroom and how what we're learning in class can be applied to the real world. This is giving the students a deeper meaning and application to what they are learning.

Math Workshop:

In math we have been working on translating information into picture graphs. Students worked on answering comparing questions concerning more, fewer, and most. We will be focusing on measurement the next couple of weeks.

Reader's Workshop:

In RW, we have been focusing on leadership by looking at famous African Americans. By reading Ruby Bridges Goes to School students were able to talk about how Ruby's school is similar and different than AB Combs. We have continued to

practice inferring skills using several different types of poems and by reading different texts.

Writer's Workshop:

In WS, we have continued to use the third quarter writing rubric. The students will be learning about commas and how to use them in their own writing correctly. This will allow students to create lists within their writing. Self-correction is still being emphasized during writer's workshop. This is to help encourage independence and produce great quality work in writing.

Science/Social

Studies:

We have begun our Balance and Motion science unit. This unit began in reading when we were identifying what a cause and effect are. By identifying different causes and their effects, students were able to understand what a force is (a push or a pull on any given object). Students have been applying the Engineer Design Process to plan, design, create and test rockets. The



goal is to give students the opportunity to identify the flaws in their design, fix their design and create their improved product. This process emphasizes producing great quality work in our classroom as well as in our world. The students have made connections using current technology and how it is improved.

Our Word Study Quiz will be on March 1st.

Important Dates & Upcoming Events:

Dr. Seuss Week!	2-25
Read Across America Day	3-1
Book Fair	3-4 thru 3-8
Early Release	3-15
School Pictures	3-19
Gator Gallop	3-26 (@9:30)
Lego Day	3-27
Spring Break	3-28 thru 4-5

Class Wishlist:

- 2 liter bottles (we'll need A LOT!)
- milk jugs (washed out and no lid)

Crowning Behavior!

Hip! Hip! Hooray!

"HIP! HIP! HOORAY!" to Sammi and Deon! Sammi has been a great leader in the classroom by

helping others on their school work! Way to go Sammi! Deon has been trying to use new math skills when working independently on

math homework and classwork! Way to go Deon!

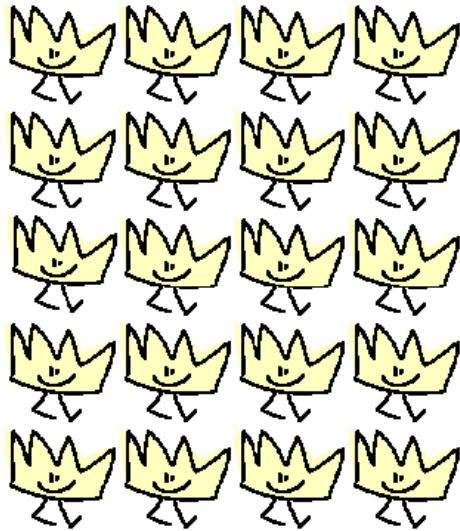
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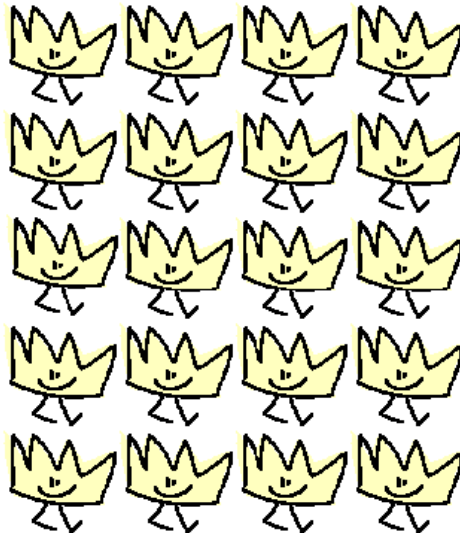
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Reminders/Thank You:

We will be learning about different environments during the month of March so if you could please bring in empty milk jugs we would greatly appreciate it! Thank you so much for all that you do!



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Check out our class website!