

Mrs. Catherwood's Castle News!

Word Families:

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February 8, 2013

In The Classroom:

Hello!

We have been thinking about "The End in Mind" because we are more than half way done with first grade! We are striving to do our best in all our work to prepare for second grade.

Math Workshop:

In math we have been focusing on the different 100's partner, two numbers who's sum is 100. We have been using the partners of 10 to help us. We have used this knowledge to complete money word problems. Next week we will be starting to measure objects and record their data using a table or graph.

Reader's Workshop:

In RW, we have been focusing on inferring when we read. We have discussed that inferring means to be a detective to use clues like pictures, words, feelings, connections to gain a better understanding of what is happening in a story. We practiced looking at kids' pictures/expressions, and reading picture books that do not

have words. We also celebrated the 100th day of school writing our own hundreds wants/not wants poem!

Writer's Workshop:

In WS, we have introduced the new writing rubric for 3rd quarter. The students will be expected to check over their writing when finished, write at least 5 sentences, and make sentences with different word patterns. We have begun to write stories that have a problem, solution, and supporting details!

Science/Social

Studies:

We have been discussing how to show kindness to one another and how we don't want to create any "wrinkles" in the hearts of others. "Wrinkles" represent hurtful actions or words. The students were encouraged to "Think Win-Win" and "Seek First to Understand" if they are angry. This



will be emphasized when we begin learning about diversity and black history later this month. Soon, we will be discovering balance and motion and how they apply to our lives!

Important Dates & Upcoming Events:

No School	2-18
Early Release	2-15, 3-15
Spring Break	3-28 thru 4-5
100 th Day of School!	2-5
Stop Hunger Now	2-11
Valentine's Celebration	2-12
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 Solon and Catie! Solon has been showing the Covey habit "Be

Proactive" by making great choices in the classroom! Way to go Solon! Catie has shown great quality work in her writing by taking her time and

knowing when to use capital or lowercase letters! Way to go Catie!

Class Wishlist:

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

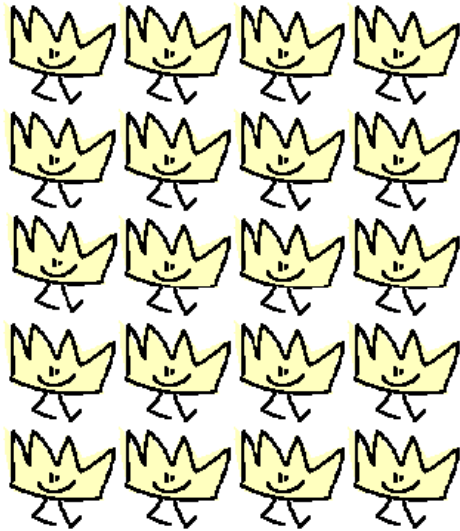
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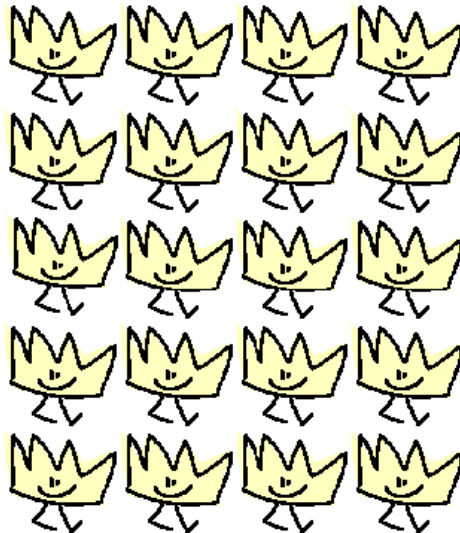
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Reminders/Thank You:

Our Valentine's Day celebration is going to be Tuesday, February 12 at 1:00pm. Thank you parents for all your donations to our classroom (Munch Mix, Valentine's Celebration, and supply requests). We could not do this without your support. Thank you for all that you do!



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Check out our class website!