

# Mrs. Catherwood's Castle News!

Word Families:

BREAK

March 22, 2013

## Important Dates & Upcoming Events:

Gator Galop 3-26  
9:30 track

LEGO Day 3-27  
Dress for  
Success

Spring Break 3-28 -4-7

Report Cards 4-12

Leadership Day 4-18  
Dress for  
Success

Early Release 4-19

## Class Wishlist:

- glue sticks  
-squeeze glue

-thick and thin  
markers

## In The Classroom:

### Hello!

Thank you to everyone who has sent in supplies for Arctic Day and for Ms. Williams' gift. We will surely miss her come April! Keep checking her site to see what she's up to in Brazil!

### Math Workshop:

In math we have been learning about fractions and how we can compare halves and fourths. We are learning new ways to count  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a set number of objects by taking it and splitting in half first, and then splitting the half in half to make a fourth. We are also reviewing telling time by drawing the long and short hand at different lengths and drawing the hands correctly when the time is to the half hour.

### Reader's Workshop:

In reading we have been focusing on non-fiction text features like captions, glossary, index, heading, bold words, diagrams, etc. as we learn more about each world habitat. We have also been comparing and

contrasting various fiction stories and expanding on describing our characters (how do their feelings change throughout the story and what adjectives can we use to describe their personality).

### Writer's Workshop:

In writing we have been learning different ways to research habitats and the animals that live there. We have done a KWL (Know, Want to know, Learned) on the rainforest and Polar Bears, a Can/Have/Are chart on Penguins, and a fishbone diagram on all the habitats (animals/land/people/changes/layers). We have also used a lotus diagram to help us organize our Arctic Animal facts for our pop-up books.

### Science/Social

### Studies:

We have been having a blast learning about the different types of world environments: Ocean, Desert, Rainforest, and Arctic. We have been doing research on each environment including some of the animals. We have been working very hard on completing our Arctic Animal pop-up books! Come by our hall in April to see!



Our next word study quiz will be on April 19<sup>th</sup>. We will not receive new words until we return on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Crowning Behavior!

### Hip! Hip! Hooray!

"HIP! HIP! HOORAY!" to Ashton for explaining in complete sentences and giving great

examples! Amel for going above and beyond with her work and always being a nice friend to others! Way to go!!!!

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