

# Mrs. Catherwood's Castle News!

Word Families:

oat/ail

April 12, 2013

## In The Classroom:

### Hello!

Thank you to all for supporting me while I was out recovering. I am back and ready to learn! Thank you also to those who have helped donate and put together our basket for the basket raffle! You rock!

### Math Workshop:

In math we have been working on adding double digit numbers and counting/making different amounts of money. At the end of this unit we want the children to be able to explain how they solve a double digit addition problem by listing the steps. We want them to have a big understanding of the ones and tens place and how to make a new group of ten if needed.

### Reader's Workshop:

In reading we have discussed parts of a non-fiction book and also discussed how we ask questions to ourselves even when reading non-fiction books. We identified similarities and differences in fiction and nonfiction books. We also

continued our study of non-fiction features and created a flip book to display what we have learned! Additionally, we have read several fiction stories about ocean characters like "Swimmy," "Pout-Pout Fish," "Gilbert the Shark," and "A House for Hermit Crab".

### Writer's Workshop:

In writing we have been writing non-fiction paragraphs with a topic sentence, 3 details/facts about the topic, and a closing sentence. Most of the children need reminders that the closing sentence is similar to the topic sentence, just said in a different way. This would be a great thing to practice over the summer to get ready for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade!

### Science/Social

#### Studies:

We have been finishing up our world environment unit by learning all about the ocean and the animals that live there! We will begin our new science unit at the end of the month: Pebbles, Sand, and Silt!



Our next word study quiz will be on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

School pictures are in your child's Friday Folder. If you do not care to purchase any of the pictures, please return them to school or pay for the ones you choose to keep.

As the weather is getting warmer, please be sure your child packs a water bottle for school every day!

## Important Dates & Upcoming Events:

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| Report Cards                           | 4-12 |
| Art Show/Basket Raffle                 | 4-16 |
| Leadership Day Wear BLUE Combs T-shirt | 4-18 |
| Early Release                          | 4-19 |
| Muffins for Moms                       | 5-9  |
| Prairie Ridge                          | 5-10 |
| Raleigh Science Museum                 | 5-16 |
|  | 5-28 |

## Crowning Behavior!

### Hip! Hip! Hooray!

"HIP! HIP! HOORAY!" to Ethan for always following the teachers' directions! Also, to

Raghad for doing such quality work and being a good friend to others! Way to go!!!!

## Class Wishlist:

- glue sticks
- squeeze glue
- thick and thin markers

