

# MRS. CATHERWOOD'S CASTLE NEWS!

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Be Proactive!

September 2, 2011

## Important Dates & Upcoming Events:

Grand Gator Day!	9-8 9-9
Curriculum Night (in Gym)	9-20
Interims for students below grade level	9-29
Early Release 11:30	9-16
No School - Workday	9-30
Walk to School Day -	10-5

## In The Classroom:

### Hello!

We have been busy this week! We have spent a lot of time getting to know our school and classroom routines and procedures. We have begun taking our agendas home each day and we have begun our reading homework. Writing HW will begin this week.

### Math Workshop:

During math we have been reviewing how to solve addition and subtraction word problems, including ones using the words "how many more than/less than?" We have also begun to journal daily about math by explaining our thinking.

### Reader's Workshop:

We have started to build our stamina in reading (learning to read for longer periods of time). So far, we are up to 15 minutes of focused and targeted reading. We are still learning the routines for reader's workshop and how to choose just-right books based on our higher texts.

### Writer's Workshop:

We will begin our structured writer's workshop time next week on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Science/Social

#### Studies:

We have spent this week getting to know one another by playing many get-to-know you games! We have even created our own class book based on clues about ourselves. It will be arriving soon on our class site!

### Word Study:

We have conducted our pre-assessment on which word study group we will be in. Students will switch classrooms on the first day of their word study cycle so that they can receive their new words. They will then work on their new words within our classroom during our Wizard Wand Work time. On the last day of the cycle, students will switch classrooms again to take their quiz. This will most likely be every other Friday.



## Crowning Behavior!

### Hip! Hip! Hooray!

Congratulations to George and Malik! Both students chose to help each other out with finding the

right materials and organizing their desks! Way to go boys!

## Class Wishlist:

- Classical music CD
- Prizes for Prize Box
- Playground equipment
- Letter Writing Paper (Stationary)
- Paper towel tubes, cans, toilet paper tubes
- Used or new puzzles/games