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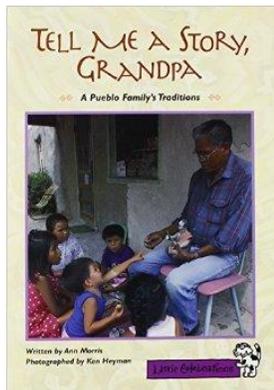
Waite Park
Community School
Room 104

November 2016

Ms. Monson's Classroom Newsletter

Reading

Understanding the text we read is our current focus in Readers Workshop. We are learning to ask questions (who, what, when, where, why) to become more proficient at comprehending what we read. We also ask and answer questions to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words and retell events in order.



We read this non-fiction story before creating our own clay bead projects, connecting to the text through art.



Writing

In Writers Workshop we continue to write in our daily journals, we trying out some of new writing techniques, paying attention to punctuation and legible handwriting and spacing. We revise our writing by adding details and descriptions to make our stories interesting. We also use a writing checklist to double check each journal entry.

Math

We are solving two-digit addition and subtraction problems (with the unknown in various locations) by composing and decomposing numbers, jumping in groups of tens, and using landmark numbers. In order to do this, we discuss that there are many ways to solve these kinds of problems and we choose techniques that work efficiently. We are also working with coins and counting money. This requires our thinking about counting by 1s, 5s, 10s, and 25s.

Social Studies

We are just beginning our study of "economics." In this unit, we will explore choices we make in terms of costs and benefits. We will learn about opportunity costs, as well as types of resources we use to make and distribute products. Finally, we will get a peek into the history of money.

Science

How does weather change over time? How does weather affect us? These are some essential questions we will ponder as we study weather. In this science unit we will learn about the Earth's atmosphere. Students explore the natural world by observing and monitoring change. So far, we have been keeping track of the weather each day on our weather calendars.



We have noticed several *overcast* days in November so far. Other vocabulary words we are focusing on are *describe*, *compare*, and *contrast*.

Raptor Center

We had a great field trip to the University of Minnesota's Raptor Center. We learned characteristics of raptors, as well as seeing these magnificent birds of prey up close.



Bald Eagle



Great Horned Owl

2nd Quarter Specialist Schedule

10:15-11:10

Monday

Art with Ms. Hubert

Tuesday

Music with Mr. Worrell

Wednesday

Media with Ms. McEathron

Thursday

Art with Ms. Hubert

Friday

P.E. with Ms. Tollefson Jackson

Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Holiday / No School

November 23-25

Craftstravaganza

Friday, December 2

Thank you!