



Room 9 Weekly Newsletter

Week of January 2 – 5, 2018

Reading

This week's reading lessons focused on:

- identifying nonfiction TEXT FEATURES in texts we are reading together and independently
- RESPONDING to nonfiction (sticky note thoughts)
- talking LONG AND STRONG about texts we are reading independently
- identifying the MAIN IDEA and DETAILS within short nonfiction reading passage about earthworms

We have compared this to when we were writing paragraphs and needed a "green" TOPIC SENTENCE (main idea) and "yellow" SUPPORTING DETAILS (details). All of the details need to relate to the main idea.

Math

This week's math lessons included:

- 5 different ways to represent 2-digit numbers using standard form (43), tens and ones, drawing blocks, expanded form ($40+3$), and words (forty-three)
- problem-solving using place value blocks
- various ways to represent the same 2-digit number using blocks

43 could be :

4 tens 3 ones

3 tens 13 ones

2 tens 23 ones

1 ten 33 ones

0 tens 43 ones

- practicing our skip counting with a fun version of "hot and cold" as we guided friends to find our stuffed Humphrey in the classroom! Try it at home! 😊
- counting our money and visiting the class store on Friday 😊



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Writing

This week's writing lessons focused on:

- "squeezing our brains" for more information to teach our readers in our nonfiction books (we are teachers and we can't just share one fact for each section of our books!)
- using nonfiction text features in our own nonfiction books
- using mentor texts (other authors' books) as a guide to what we want to include in our own books

Science / Social Studies

Kate and her dad shared their winter tradition of visiting family in Puerto Rico for the holidays. We heard about how they celebrate Christmas in this warm climate and learned a little about Three Kings Day (Jan. 6th) as well!

We've been reading about volcanoes (a land feature) this week and had fun watching videos of underwater volcanoes erupting and creating islands right before our eyes! 😊

Announcements

** Our field trip to the high school was cancelled due to the delay on Friday. I will do what I can to reschedule it but it can be difficult when they have limited availability and time slots fill up fast with all of the elementary classrooms in the district! I will let you know if and when it will be rescheduled.

** On Friday, we kicked off this year's One School, One Book program with an introduction of the book Charlotte's Web by E.B. White. Your child brought home a copy of the book, a response journal, and a calendar of special events. Teachers will be recording readings of chapters that will be up on the website for your child to listen to at home if you want to enjoy the story together! 😊 Be on the lookout for other fun activities related to this classic story! Happy Family Reading! 😊