



Room 9 Weekly Newsletter

Week of October 9-13, 2017

Reading

Reading lessons focused on:

- learning to sign into and use Reading A-Z to listen to stories and do comprehension quizzes on our chrome books
- retell a fiction story focused on BEGINNING, MIDDLE, and ENDING events
- retell key story elements (characters, setting, problem, and solution)

Writing

Writing lessons focused on:

- choosing and setting GOALS for our writing using a 2nd grade writing rubric
- focused and sustained writing time ☺
- using a variety of TRANSITION WORDS to show how time is passing in our stories
- identifying POWERFUL writing techniques used in our favorite picture books and trying them out in our own writing

Our spelling and phonics lessons focused on:

- distinguishing between short and long a (magic e) sounds
- focus on the -AKE word family
- making words with the letters in the mystery word BLANKET

Math

Math lessons focused on:

- different ways to MAKE A TEN to add two numbers (ten frames, draw a picture and circle a group of ten, etc.)
- working on addition and subtraction fluency with basic facts - we're getting faster each day!
- whole class and partner games to practice our facts and some skip counting!
- counting our money for a visit to the classroom store on Friday!

Science / Social Studies

We did some learning about Christopher Columbus to understand why we had to day off on Monday. We learned that he is celebrated for a big mistake! He thought he landed in the Indies but he really wound up in the Caribbean!

We learned about why the leaves change colors in the Fall. See if your child can tell you!

We also learned more about the life cycle of APPLES as we continue to study of plants!

Announcements

** Permission forms for a field trip on November 2nd to the Rhinebeck Center for the Performing Arts went home. Please return them soon.

** Fall Festival at Titusville - October 20th 5:30-7:30 p.m.

** School Pictures are October 24th - bring your best smiles!

** **2 HOUR DELAY START** on October 25th and a **HALF DAY** on October 31st (Dismiss at 11:30)

** Family Fitness Walk (8:30 a.m.) and All School Assembly (9:00) on October 27th