



Room 9 Weekly Newsletter

Week of September 11-15, 2017

Reading

We have continued to introduce and reinforce more of our routines. This week we worked on:

- choosing and signing out books for our "bagged books" reading homework
- choosing "Just Right" books using a 5 Finger Test
- "shopping" for good fit books for our independent reading bins
- choosing good reading spots in the room for independent reading
- learning to THINK as we read so we can talk with our partners about our books
- learning to make meaningful CONNECTIONS to the books we are reading and listening to

Math

We've done a lot of math this week:

- we graphed the ways we come to school and wrote about the results
- we practiced counting to 100 forward and backward and put together 100 chart puzzles
- we practiced SUBITIZATION skills (recognizing dot patterns without counting each dot) on TEN FRAMES
- we began "number talks" to practice mental math and to become more flexible in thinking about numbers
- we introduced strategy partner games (dot game and tic tac toe) as well as Tangram and Pattern Block Puzzles
- we visited the classroom store too! ☺

Writing

We have been working on a little writing about ourselves and some self-portraits this week as a beginning writing exercise!

We have worked on distinguishing between VOWELS and CONSONANTS too and made words with the letters in the mystery words SPLIT and SPEND.

We introduced our writing workshop folders and "mapped our hearts" to brainstorm ideas for future stories! We took one of our ideas and, beginning with a drawing, wrote our first stories! We're trying to add lots of action and talking to make them more interesting!

Science / Social Studies

We worked with a partner to illustrate our classroom rules to create a book of rules for Room 9. Mrs. Sanchez also brought our 5 classroom pet frogs into school this week and we've been excitedly observing them!

We began our classroom jobs this week too!

We also discussed SYMBOLS and looked at some American Symbols. Then we created a classroom flag full of symbols to represent each of us in our class! We have also talked about being good CITIZENS who are PATIENT, RESPONSIBLE, RESPECTFUL, and HONEST.

We walked around outside and took pictures of all types of plants as we prepare to begin our first Science Unit next week! ☺

Announcements

****Fall Curriculum Night (parents only) is Tuesday, September 19th from 6-7:30 p.m. I hope you can make it to hear all about your child's year in second grade! ☺**