



Room 9 Weekly Newsletter

Week of September 18-22, 2017

Reading

Our Reading lessons have focused on:

- making MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS that help us understand the books we are reading and listening to
- choosing just right books that match our interests
- learning from nonfiction texts (specifically, books about weather!)
- building STAMINA (focused reading for longer and longer periods of time)

Math

Our Math lessons have focused on:

- the COUNTING ON strategy for addition
- TURN AROUND FACTS
- Doubles and Doubles +1 Facts
- building STAMINA and PERSISTENCE with challenging tasks
- building fluency with basic facts through games like Rock, Paper, Scissors, Math!
- becoming flexible thinkers about numbers through our number talks

Writing

Our Writing lessons have focused on:

- how to REVISE our writing and ADD MORE by using CARATS and FLAPS
- how to REHEARSE our stories BEFORE we write (tell it across our fingers, sketch it out over 3 pages, talk it out with a friend)
- how to write an introduction that GRABS THE READER'S ATTENTION via dialogue, sounds, setting description, or questions at the start of a writing piece

This week's spelling lessons focused on:

- reviewing short vowels and consonant BLENDS (st, gr, cl, nk, lk, lp, etc.)

Science / Social Studies

Our Science lessons have focused on:

- learning how all plants are SIMILAR and how they can be different
- sharing what we already know and what we want to learn about plants
- learning about WEATHER

On Wednesday morning, Mrs. Wheeler came to share a wonderful story called We're All Wonders to help us notice and celebrate our differences! It's a wonderful picture book based on a chapter book written for older children.

Announcements

** Thank you to everyone who was able to come on Curriculum Night! It was wonderful to see so many of you! We had conference sign-ups so if you were unable to attend, you'll hear from me soon regarding available times. ☺

** Our first Family Fitness Walk is on FRIDAY at 8 a.m. followed by our first All School Assembly at 9 a.m. Hope you can join us for a little exercise and fun! ☺