

Thornton/Yelle Newsletter

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The Reading Corner...

Students have been diving in deep with our classroom read-aloud Because of Winn-Dixie. During this first month of school, I am fostering the love of reading, motivating children to read more and more independently. During our comprehension discussions, and questioning we have explored how to use evidence from the text to support our reasoning. Student have been practicing how to use quotes from the author to support their rationale.

Writers Workshop...

We have continued to explore and observe the world around us for observable moments. An extended thank you to all parents that wrote a small moment in your child's writing journal. Our goal of this unit is to write a realistic fiction story that begins with a small observable moment, and has fictional elements. Students have brainstormed lists of small moments in their own lives and are beginning to develop their stories. Our authors are off to a fantastic start!

In Math This Week...

Our little mathematicians have finished lesson one of our first math unit! We have reviewed and practiced place value strategies to compare values of digits in a multi-digit number. We learned about the "Zero is your Her0" strategy and even made our own Zero Her0s! The kiddos did a great job learning and practicing the routines of Math workshop, also known as the Thornton restaurant. We are also continuing to organize and use our binders everyday!

Important Dates and Reminders

We have been working with all of our online math programs to get the students logged in and ready to start. By next week the kiddos should be able to access all these programs at home for homework.

- Next week is a spelling week.
- Friday is picture day ☺

In Social Studies and Science This Week...

In Social Studies we hopped on the train and began our journey around the Northeast region. The kiddos are reading articles to learn more about the landmarks, environment and climate of the Northeast Region. In Science we had a chance to discover the magic of magnets. We explored around the classroom for things that attracted and repelled our magnets.

Conversations Starters

1. How can Zero your Hero help when multiplying and dividing "big numbers with a lot of Zeros?"
2. How to the words repel and attract relate to magnets?
3. What is a small moment?
4. What is your realistic fiction story about?