

Thornton/Yelle Newsletter

3/10/17

The Reading Corner...

This week we have been reviewing our reading skills, and finished our benchmark test that assess students' knowledge of those skills. We reviewed main idea and details, fact and opinion, sequence, drawing conclusions, authors' purpose and cause and effect.

Students also reviewed vocabulary skills by analyzing word structures by identifying prefixes, base words, and suffixes.

Lastly, students practiced identifying nouns, both regular plural nouns, and irregular plural nouns.

Be on the lookout for students' benchmark scores.

Writers Workshop...

Students have published their biographies! They are extremely proud of their hard work, and would love to invite you to see their published pieces on Wednesday at 1:30. Students have brought home brochures with details about our informational journey. Students have also been practicing their open response writing and extracting evidence from the text to support their reasoning. Practice makes perfect!

In Math This Week...

Our little mathematicians began to explore fractions this week. We reviewed how to decompose fractions and how to represent fractions with visuals. The students are having a great time playing fraction bingo.

We also discussed equivalent fractions and different strategies to find equivalent fractions. Coming up, we will start to compare fractions with like numerators, like denominators and unlike denominators.

Important Dates and Reminders

- We are in need of more wipes for our classroom. Any donations would be greatly appreciated!
- Please ask your 4th grader how their supply of pencils are. Students and teachers are running out of pencils!
- Wednesday 3/15/17 Writing Celebration at 1:30
- Report cards come home 3/16/17
- No School 3/17/17
- Conferences the week of 3/20

In Social Studies and Science This Week...

In Social Studies we have hopped on a plane and made our way to the Midwest region. Students are learning all about the culture, landmarks and environment of this region.

In Science we have finished up our animal unit! I am so proud of all the wonderful animal projects that students worked so hard on! There was so much creativity and it was very evident that the kiddos learned a lot about their animals.

We will begin learning about Properties of Matter. This is one of my favorite units because of the fun experiments we will perform to explore the different phases of matter.

Conversations Starters

1. Show someone at home how to use the multiplication strategy to find an equivalent fraction.
2. Show someone at home your Washington landmark google slide.
3. How can I log into Pearson to track my progress?
4. What are you most proud of from the informational writing unit?