

Thornton/Yelle Newsletter

9/22/17

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. Students have been practicing identifying internal and external character traits for the main character. Their homework on the back of their reading log, directly relates to the skills we learned this week.

Writers Workshop...

We have continued to explore and observe the world around us for observable moments. 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. 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. The mathematicians are practicing the zero trick for multiplication and division. 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 DOL week.
- 9/28/17- Thursday - Picture day ☺
- 9/28/17 – Friday – Charity Softball game

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 brainstormed a long list of information they already know about the Northeast region and what they are hoping to learn. We began exploring the state of Massachusetts by reading an informational article, exploring maps, and answering questions in our activities packets.

Conversations Starters

1. What was your favorite menu item during math workshop?
2. How do the words repel and attract relate to magnets?
3. What is an internal character trait?
4. What is a STOP and Jot?