



Weeks of 1/23/2012
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1st Grade News

Science



Boy, we are super busy in Science for this entire month!! We are learning so many cool facts about whales. Whales have been around for hundreds of years and they originally lived on the land. They like to swim together like a family and they are super smart. We are learning a fun song about Beluga whales. Ask your child to sing it for you.

We have started talking about dolphins. These animals are very smart too and they love to talk. Ask your child to tell you how they talk. Now we all want a field trip to SeaWorld in San Diego so we can see these wonderful animals up close!

Reading



If you have any books on whales or dolphins please bring them to our classroom. We are reading about a baby baluga and would like to read more stories like this.

We enjoy reading our Level 2 books and are slowly starting to read chapter books. The children are very excited for this and I will let you more as we progress!

I also will send home a book report on a weekly basis. Great way to read at home together!

Spirit Week is coming up in February. It is one of the most anticipated weeks at school. Details will be coming home soon.

Math



We are working hard on writing our numbers correctly. We practice daily on the whiteboard and I have seen significant improvement. Please practice writing them at home too.

We are working on money and the place value of the more frequently used coins. I have bought some large fake money and we are using it to buy items in our classroom! Super fun way to get this concept.

Next week working more on adding and subtracting with money.

General



We really enjoyed writing in our journals this week about the bird who lived at HTA for a week. My class thoroughly enjoyed the bird and would talk to it and sing to it. We have drawn wonderful pictures about the bird too. He has now left and we think he is back at the park where he belongs. We wish him well.

Report cards will be coming home soon. Please let me know if you would like to schedule a conference.

It is still cold in the morning so please have your child bring a jacket.

Please remember we have chapel on Friday mornings. Sometimes we go to chapel on a different day of the week. This is decided by Fr. Jim and a reminder will be sent home when this happens. Have a great week.