



Weeks of 1/30/2012
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1st Grade News

Science



Have you checked out our back wall? We have completed our blue whale and it is 85 feet long! The head starts at the beginning of the hall and the tale is waving at the end of the hall. Children have researched fun facts that they are putting up on the whale. Come check it out!

We are studying dolphins this week. Dolphins communicate with each other by making clicking noises. Dolphins are very playful and super cute.

Next week we will learn about sharks. This has been an amazingly fun unit and the children are loving it!

Reading



We are all now reading Level 2 and Level 3 books. Next week we will start reading chapter books. Thank you so much for reading with your children. It makes a huge difference. A fun activity to try at home is to have your child pick out a word they want to learn more about. Help them look it up in a dictionary. Have your child write in on a note card along with the definition. In the following days, challenge your child to use the word correctly. Every time they do make a tally mark on the back of the note card. At the end of the week see how many tally marks they have. I will start doing this activity soon in our classroom!

Report cards will go home next week. Please call me if you would like to schedule a conference.

Math



We are loving our addition and subtraction math problems. We do them on a daily basis by either using the whiteboard or by giving a verbal problem to each other. They are learning so fast and seem to have fun challenging each other.

We are working on money and place value of coins and bills. I have set up a store in our classroom with items they can purchase. I give them all the same amount of money and they go shopping. I have them count up the purchases as much as they can and help them to add and subtract as needed. Super fun way to learn about money and how to save or spend it!

General



We speak Greek on a daily basis. Your child now knows how to say good morning, good night, how are you?, etc. We review all the colors, body parts, and food that we have been learning all year. We enjoy saying our sentences every morning and have fun trying to challenge each other with them.

I am in the process of planning out our next field trip. I am looking at the Science Center. Does anyone have a membership to it? I am trying to find the most economical way to make this work for everyone. If you could please let me know that would be greatly appreciated.

I will not be at school on Monday, January 30th. Mrs. Anguiano will be my substitute teacher. She will be teaching P.E. to the children starting in February. We are all so excited about that Mrs. Anguiano will incorporate health and nutrition, too.