



Weeks of 10/17/2011
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1st Grade News

Science



We have started a fun unit on one of my all time favorite books called "Where the Wild Things Are". I have read the story a few times and we have enjoyed discussing how it feels to be mad and why we react the way that we do. We have talked about what is appropriate to do when we are mad and what is not. I tell them it is ok to be mad and feel sad but how we react is the important thing. They have been very receptive to this and have been more concerned with each other's feelings.

We finished up our unit on fall changes. They kids enjoyed going on a nature walk and finding their own fall treasures. Come check out our huge collage on our walls outside the classroom!

Reading



Last week I talked about the five elements of reading. They are phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. Fluency can best be described as reading aloud in normal speech enunciations and flow. I believe the best way to assist a child in becoming a fluent reader is to have him or her participate in repeated readings. We do this on a daily basis. We do this at circle time and also when we read the decodable books. Please continue to read to your child on a daily basis too!

Thank you all who helped volunteer at this year's Greek Festival. It was fun working with you and seeing all the kids. OPA!

Math



We continue to work on the number line and how useful it is in doing addition and subtraction problems. The children use the white board daily to make their own addition and subtraction problems while using a number line. We have gotten all the way to the number 50!

We have mastered how to tell time with minutes! When you get a chance ask your child to tell you the time when it is not on the hour. You will be amazed and so proud of them!

General



Please work on the Greek books that came home this past week. The Greek homework book needs to come back to school on Tuesday. Please do the homework with your child. If you need help I will try and finish the homework with them on Tuesday. We speak Greek on a daily basis and the children are enjoying the fact that they speak Greek!

There will not be computers next week due to Mr. Ferman being out of town but he'll be back the next week. The children so enjoy his lessons and say that he is super cool! Thank you for volunteering your time.

I will not be in school next Monday and Tuesday. Mrs. Daniolos will be my substitute teacher. The children are very happy and excited to see her. Have a great weekend.