



Weeks of 10/24/2011  
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## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade News

### Science



Children have written wonderful poems about Christopher Columbus. Here is Haley's poem.

Columbus  
Ocean waves  
Love sailing  
Under water are fish  
Money from Spain  
Brave Columbus  
Under the water went Santa Maria  
Safe Columbus

### Reading



**The children love to go over to Mrs. Rock's room and do their reading workbooks. They love when they get to bring books home in their own glad bags while getting to do homework too.**

In my room, we read on a daily basis and the children are reading Level One and Level Two books. They love all the different types of these books I have in my classroom. Please go check them out at your local library too.

We are planning on having a fun End-of-First-Quarter Harvest Party on November 4. Look for a flyer coming home soon.

### Math



**We are working on how and why we use Tally Marks. The children have been experimenting with all sorts of objects in our classroom. Please continue to practice at home with your child. They can come up with some creative items to use.**

We are still working on the symbol for greater than, less than and equal. I allow them to use the white board in class and they make problems up for each other while using this concept.

Number lines are still a big hit. We are up to 75 on our number lines!

### General



**The children have made signs for our classroom while working on their writing lesson. They gathered information first on what they wanted their sign to say. They researched who would likely use or read their signs. Then they made them. Please check them out in our classroom. We now have a sign for our colored paper, our markers, my desk, etc. So much fun!**

Please bring back your Greek workbooks on Monday. I will then help the children with their Greek homework who need it. Please practice the flash cards. They are fun and we enjoy using them in our own classroom.

Please wear appropriate shoes for school. Tennis shoes or closed shoes are the best. The children play hard on the playground and they need shoes to support them climbing up the fort and it cuts back on how much sand gets in their shoes. Thank You.