



Weeks of 10/31/2011  
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## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade News

### Science



We have started a great unit on Egypt. We explored how to use our new globe that was donated to our classroom. We located the United States and Arizona. I proceeded to show them how far away Egypt was from us, which generated discussion on how we could get there. Ideas were walking, driving, by airplane and by boat!

So far we learned that Egypt is mostly Desert and the climate is hot and dry. This led into a discussion how it is the same climate here in Phoenix. The Nile River is the longest river in the world and is located in Egypt! The ancient Egyptians knew when it would flood and then would plant their crops right after the flood. We will continue to learn more about Egypt next week.

### Reading



**They first graders continue to work with Mrs. Rock on Spalding on a daily basis. In my classroom we work on writing every day. We are still making signs and this week's theme is weather. The children first have to decide what they want to say and how important it is to be clear with their message. We have finished our unit on Where the Wild Things are. We will conclude with a fun small puppet show later during the week.**

Conferences will be coming up soon. I will have a sign up sheet available outside my classroom the week of November 7<sup>th</sup>. I'm looking forward to seeing you all and discussing your amazing children!!

### Math



**Tally's are a huge hit with us. I have used number cubes to show this concept. I hide them throughout our classroom and the children had to find them and tally their results. It was super fun. You can do this at home with just about anything. The kids love to have a chart with pencil in hand and will show you how to tally and why it is important. They learned it helps organize data and analyze data.**

**Next week will be estimating and comparing. Please continue to practice writing their numbers at home.**

### General



**Please continue to do the Greek homework at home with your child. I will help them out on Tuesday and Wednesday but will only allow 15 minutes for it. I continue to help them on a daily basis with their current vocabulary and of course review.**

**We are working on using our inside voices while we are in the classroom and walking down the hall. The children are learning how to respect the other students at school while concentrating on their own behaviors.**

**Have a great weekend.**

Please wear appropriate shoes for school. Best ones are tennis shoes, but closed-toed shoes work too.