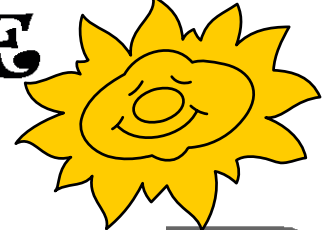


THIS WEEK IN 1st GRADE

August 30-Sept 3, 2010



RELIGION

We have been discussing how God is our Holy Father and that makes us all "brothers and sisters in Christ."

We talked about the VIPs in our lives. See the AIC section about a project we will be working on.



AIC

I am very excited about our arts in the classroom project this week. Of course we have been singing and dancing every day and we act out stories every chance we get, but this project takes us a little deeper into some visual art. We will begin talking about Moses and the Burning bush in religion. We will then look at many different representations of this scene in art. We will compare and contrast these works of art and then make our own piece of art.

MATH

The children understand addition and subtraction concepts well but they are still learning to look at the SIGN to decide which operation to use. We tested both on Friday so be looking for the paper in signed papers. We will start graphing and tally marks this week. This is a favorite chapter of mine and I know they will enjoy it.

READING

Our story this week is a circular story called "Hole in My Pocket" based on the song "Hole in the Bucket". We will be learning that song so watch out! We will be talking about main idea and sequence of events.

Spelling

Spelling is going great so far. The words will get harder and there will be more of them, so start good study habits now! This week's words are: hog, fog, jog, log, frog, my, them, not, pop, no

LANGUAGE ARTS

Our skills this week are contractions and complete sentences. We will also be working in reading groups with our phonics series. Your child will be taking the STAR reading test so that I can get another factor to consider when grouping him or her.

Our vocabulary words are: hole, pocket, fix, sew, thread

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last week there was a little taste of Fall in the air and it made recess so much more pleasant. But I know the heat will be around for a while. We have been working hard and really moving forward on our skills. I will be splitting into reading groups this week so that everyone is sure to get all they need as far as phonics awareness and confidence building. We will continue to do the basal stories in whole group but the phonics stories will be done in groups. You should see worksheets and tests from this series come home regularly. You did a great job returning brown envelopes and signed papers-thank you so much! I am having to have some students do their work during recess that don't get finished during class time. This happens only when a student has had ample time to finish but chooses not to because of distractions or daydreaming. Don't forget the Labor Day holiday on Monday September 6th. Be sure to read the brown envelope flyer for upcoming events. Progress reports will go out next week. This will be a time to see if your child is where I think they should be this far in the semester. I may be calling conferences with parents if there is a problem. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns. heford@cablone.net or 3646740