Monthly News
from
Mrs. Bilodeau's Class
12/1/11-12/ 21/11

What have we been doing?

Alphabet Work/Phonemic Awareness/Phonics/Language Arts
Morning Message(alphabet work-beginning, middle,and ending sounds left out for children to fill in)
Bossy e
Word List(oo)
More Rhyming Activities
Short u
Bl Blend
Introduction to Compound Words
Word List(ow)
Nonsense Words(short vowels)
Double Vowels(ea/ai)

Handwriting
Review of handwriting signs(capital, tall, small, descending)
Handwriting lessons: Gray Boxes and Workbooks
Pencil Grips-Pinch and Flip
Review of magic c letters
Magic c mystery letters activities
Lowercase formation(a,d,g)

Writing Workshop-(50 min.)Shared, Interactive, and Independent Writing
Daily mini lesson(10-15 minutes)
30 minutes of independent writing and 5-10 minute share
Conferencing with individual students leads to a published product

Reading Workshop:(60 min.) Shared, Guided, Independent Reading and Instructional Read Aloud

Shared Reading: Five Little Speckled Frogs(2 weeks)
Root a Toot Toot
Choo-choo Train

*daily skill work and modeling of reading strategies on the above Big Books or Poems

Independent Reading: 20 min. daily(will increase to 30 min.)
Individual reading conferences and reading assistance

Guided Reading: Leveled Group Instruction

Read Alouds: 1-2 daily

Math
Introduction to More Than/Less Than
Compare Card Game(more than)
Compare Card Game(less/fewer than)
Compare Card Game 0-10(more than using > sign)
Compare Card Game 0-10(less/fewer than using < sign)
Comparing Numbers 1-100(</>)
Ordering Numbers Greatest to Least(0-10)
Ordering Numbers Least to Greatest(0-10)
Ordering Numbers Greatest to Least(0-100)
Ordering Numbers Least to Greatest(0-100)
Introduction to Ten More/Ten Less
Ten More/Ten Less with Decade Numbers Using Ten's Frames

Science
Review of Igneous Rock
*We will begin our study and observations of sedimentary rock

Literacy Centers (40-50 minutes of independent guided practice)
ABC Sort(d,f)
Word Build(oo as in boo)
Rhyming Bingo
Math Facts Memory(6,7,8)
Rhyming Match
ABC Sort(d,h)
Rhyme Puzzles
Word Build(oo as in book)
Sight Word Memory(Level 1/game 3)
More Than/Less Than Practice(0-100)

Notes:

* The Holidays Around the World Celebration included Canada, Germany, China, and the African American Holiday-Kwanzaa. Children learned about the different ways holidays are celebrated around the world and engaged in an activity.

* Thank you to all parents who sent in Kleenex last month. It is greatly appreciated and always needed!

* I will begin the second trimester of reading assessments the week of January 9th.

* Thank you to April Raymond, Jessica Bernier, and Amy Shrader for providing treats for our Christmas Party.

Thank you to Margaret Jewell(Norah), Jenelle Robinson(Hailey), and April Raymond(McKayla) for providing Christmas gifts and goodies for the class. I hope I didn't forget to thank anyone else!

* I will send home an explanation of my spelling program on Friday. I have pre-tested all children on the first grade spelling words. We will start weekly spelling in January. Jennifer Snowman has volunteered to give spelling tests to the children.

* I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas with your families!
Happy New Year to all of you!