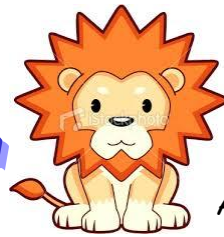


First Grade Newsletter



April 9, 2015

Great Conversation Starters

Tell me about the contraction song? Do you remember any of the contractions?

How did your surgery go this week? What went smoothly? What was tricky? Have you found any contractions in your books?

What are you working on in writing? Are you being brave with your spelling?

What have you been doing to be helpful in the classroom? What are words you can use if someone is not doing the "right thing"?

Mentoring

This week the children played *Gaga* and *Ultimate* in sports.

Star of the Week



River likes to sew on her sewing machine. She has little chicks living in her garage.

Here is a list of upcoming stars.

April 13—Gavin

April 20—Jaelyn

April 27—Landon



In **math** we are working on learning the combinations to 10 by heart. The children are exploring many, many different ways to visualize, organize, and generate combinations that equal ten.

Ask your child about the different things we have done. (The rainbow, the Ziploc baggies, the staircases, the abacus with animals, the paper hands, the clowns, the games *Make Ten* and *Tens Go Fish*.) We even found a cool video to sing along with!

We are also working on problems with missing addends. For example:

There are 12 dogs running around the playground. Some went home. There were 3 left. How many dogs went home?

And we are working on combination puzzles: I have 15 berries. Some are blueberries and some are raspberries, but there are more raspberries. What combinations could I have?