

First Grade Newsletter



October 9, 2014

Great Conversation Starters



When is your book shopping day? What books are you working on now?



What is your favorite thing to do during indoor recess?



What did you learn about lions this week? (We watched a short TumbleBooks video about lions. TumbleBooks is a free component of the Library of Virginia's website. Check it out!)



What is Magic c? How does it help us with our letters?



What do you like about the Mo Willems' characters (Piggy and Gerald, and the Pigeon)?

Mentoring

This week in mentoring, we went on a lion hunt around campus.

Math Corner

This week in math we learned two new games and reviewed some others. We learned and played *Five in a Row* and *Roll and Record*. Both of these games use two dice so we are practicing strategies for adding and finding the "sum" of two numbers.

We did a lot of work with story problems, and shared strategies about how to solve them. We worked on showing how we solved problems using visuals or words as well as with equations.

We talked about vocabulary mathematicians use, including:

- greater than
- less than
- equal
- plus
- sum
- equation or number sentence

Reminders

Monday, October 13th Field Trip. Dress your child for being outside, ready to dig sweet potatoes! Please pack a regular bag lunch for your child.

If you have ordered pizza, it will be kept for Tuesday.

Thursday, October 16th No School (Parent Conferences)

Friday, October 17th No School (Fall Holiday)