

Friday March 12, 2010

Hello! It has been a great week in our classroom! The children are enjoying our March activities. The children have been working very hard this week and have done a great job!

Looking Back...

- *We are learning our Fish songs for our Sing Along! ☺
- * We had a wonderful time at the Max and Ruby play! ☺

Also...

During our reading block, we are reading Non-Fiction. We are noticing that Non-fiction books are read differently than fiction. We are pointing out many of the different features, such as Table of Contents, Index, Glossary, picture captions, and labels. We are asking and writing great Questions about the story. After reading the story we are answering our questions and asking more!

In Writing, many of our daily activities this week have been focused on Expository writing. We are learning that each piece must have an introduction sentence followed by three facts filled with details, and ending with a conclusion sentence. We are looking at our graph planner and choosing one topic. Our stories include animals, and habitats. ☺ We added five new words to our Word Wall - *animal, just, old, big & rain*. Please practice the spelling of these words at home! Our word study for this week is the **Long A** families.

In Math, we are working with geometry and shapes. The children can identify the shapes by sight and can read the shape and draw it. We are learning about flip, turn, and slide. We also have discussed the line of symmetry. They know geometry very well! During our daily morning work we are practicing adding money and telling time. They are doing a very good job at these activities. ☺

In Science, we are focusing on Animal Groupings. We are finding out that all animals can be classified in a special group. We are reviewing the characteristics of the fish. During this unit we are working on our Nonfiction component of comparisons. We will continue with comparisons of each animal group and how identifying this feature makes us better readers! ☺ We continue the learning of the scientific process of Observing, Questioning, Making a Hypothesis, Planning & Testing, Recording our data, and writing a Conclusion. The children are becoming great scientists!☺

Other Classroom Issues...

Dates to Remember...

We are getting ready for our Fishy Sing. This is a program that all First graders participate in. We learn many songs about the ocean and its creatures, tie dye and decorate shirts, practice our smiles and then perform for the school, parents, and neighbors! Our event is Thursday April 22 at 7:00 pm in our gymnasium. Mark your calendars today! ☺

Wow!! It was another great week! It is a pleasure to work with your child! Have a wonderful weekend and don't forget to **READ,READ,READ** to your child!!

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