



Mrs. Jahnke's
1st grade class

March 12, 2010

The Four Blocks

Guided Reading & Self-Selected:

This week we read a biography about Tomás Rivera. We discussed what how a biography is different than the other genre we have read so far in first grade. We also wrote at least three facts that we learned about him from reading the story. Some kids chose to write an expository journal about Tomás Rivera during our writing time. We also read the March Chicken Soup with Rice poem. We illustrated and added it to our growing poetry anthology.

Journals:

We have tried to go back into our journals and finish any old journals. We have also been writing six sentences before we can even start the illustrations. I told the kids that after spring break; only the kids who are picked to share their journal are the ones who will be illustrating that day. We discussed that second graders are required to write a lot more than illustrate and we were almost second graders. ☺

Word Study:

Our new word wall words for the week were: **old, big, rain, animal** and **just**.

We tried a new on the back activity during word wall. After we practiced writing our new word wall for the week, we turned our paper over and numbered it 1-5. Then, I said a sentence and they had to write the word from the sentence that rhymed with thing. They did an excellent job!

Math

We started our measurement unit this week. You had some homework that involved using non-standard ways of measuring. (Hands and feet) We read the story, How Big is a Foot? and realized why it is a good idea to use a standard tool to measure something. We also used cubes to measure each other's shoes. We have some big feet in our class. ☺ Then, we measured the length, width and height of the table with our shoes. We will continue with measurement next week.

Social Studies & Science

We discussed how March comes in like a lion and leaves like a lamb. We have decided that March has come in more like a lamb and we hope it stays that way! ☺

We had a wonderful time at the Max and Ruby play! It was so fun to watch their faces as the actors changed the scenery. They thought that was amazing!!

A word from the teacher...

I want to thank you for your continued support at home! The kids are doing a fantastic job! I can tell that they are working hard at home. The spelling tests are showing me all the wonderful things you are doing to help prepare them for Friday's spelling test. They are also doing a wonderful job with their reading. Please remember to continue to read to your child. They will become even better readers by hearing the fluency and intonation in your voice. They learn by hearing you read to them!

Tangy Tidbits

- * Please have students keep a pair of gym shoes here at school. If they get muddy, it is nice for them to be able to change their shoes. You might want to pack an extra pair of socks in the backpack due to the wetness outside.
- * **FISHY SHOW** on Thursday, April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. This is a program that all first graders participate in. We learn many songs about ocean creatures, tie-dye shirts and perform on stage for our families. **Mark your calendars!**

