

# Mrs. Youngblood's Class News

December 4, 2009

## Reading

This week in reading the children were introduced to the book *Amelia Bedelia* by Peggy Parish. Amelia Bedelia is a housekeeper who gets confused about directions with multiple meanings. We have been learning about idioms and words with multiple meanings throughout our author study. The children will be reading several books in the Amelia Bedelia series. As they read they are summarizing when Amelia gets confused in the story and writing about what the different characters really wanted Amelia to do in the story.

## Writing

Next week in writing the children will be learning about persuasive writing. We will use a topic that spiraled from the Amelia Bedelia books. The children will be asked the question: Do you think Amelia Bedelia is a good housekeeper? Then we will discuss all of the positive and negative reasons regarding whether or not she is a good housekeeper. After that the children will decide on their own opinion and begin their persuasive papers.

## Spelling/Word Wall

We now have 60 words on our word wall! This week the words were *right*, *nice*, *pretty*, *very*, and *outside*. We have been working on spelling rules such homophones like *write* and *right*, *sale* and *sail*, etc. during word wall each week. A few parents have mentioned that some of the spelling words have increased in difficulty this quarter. The words will continue to get more difficult as we progress through the second half of the year as well.

## Math

In math we have been working on number concepts such as identifying even and odd numbers, skip counting by 2's, 3's, 4's, 5's and 10's, ordering whole numbers, making and finding repeating and growing patterns, and using patterns to solve problems. Over the next two weeks we will be

working on a unit about geometry. This unit will cover plane, 2-dimensional shapes as well as solid, 3-dimensional shapes.

### Science

In Science we have been studying Energy. So far, our unit has been about Sound and next unit will be about Heat. We have been learning how sound travels and what sound can travel through. One of the kid's favorite parts of this unit has been the opportunity to do some experiments. Be sure to ask your son/daughter what sounds they heard during the ruler experiment and the bottle pitch experiment this week.

### Things to Remember

**12/18:** Holiday Parties in classrooms from 2:15-3:15

Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Youngblood