

RED GROUP NEWS

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LANGUAGE ARTS

We are learning the nasal sounds /m/, /n/, and /ng/ and reviewing all sounds.

Sight words: "it" and "was"

Writer's Workshop / 6+1 Traits:

ORGANIZATION lesson: When Sophie Gets Really, Really Angry: Beginning, Middle, End collaboration with the 6th grade.

Punctuation: Using the period: Why and when.

Mystery Readers: Linda Gore, School Counselor, Mackenzie Berwick, 5th grader, Netzira Cowan, 7th grader.

MATH

Connecting number words, numerals, and quantities.

Counting a set of up to 20 objects.

Combining two amounts.

Keeping track of a growing set of objects.

Finding the total after a small amount is added to a set.

Using numbers to represent quantities.

Using a ten-frame to develop visual images of quantities up to 10.

Exploring combinations of a number (e.g. 6 is 3 and 3, and also 5 and 1).

Comparing two quantities and understanding more than and fewer than

Thinking strategically about moves on a game-board.

SOCIAL

Class Meeting Topics:

Rules of the block house at recess

Multicultural Studies:

MLK: We have read literature on Martin Luther King Jr.'s life. We will present an "I can make a difference" slideshow at our LS assembly. The slideshow shares ways the girls feel they do and can make a difference in their worlds, inspired by his words.

Families: We continue to learn about each other's families through sharings about traditions and stories.

SNIPPETS:

"If I touch the cat, I'll get a 5 minute cold."

"I am more tired than a monkey eating bananas."

"Last night I really deserved something."

NEW THEME:

Some themes inspire more than others and our Baby Animals theme was short-lived. We are going to launch a new theme next week and we know it'll really take off: TRAINS. The girls started to gain interest when they were playing Google Choo-choo, a 3D simulation game in technology. Many of them have since been

building expansive train tracks in the Red Group. The trains seem to go through stations in California, Spain, and Portugal. The theme could be an avenue to study aspects of geography, transportation, engineering, history, and our local resources. We know of some SF exhibits that are showing trains and we would love to hear your input or interest in trains as well.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the parents volunteers that have been coming in to help with the tedium of cutting and pasting games in our class!



Zintle Mpayihpheli has been visiting from South Africa. The girls got to ask her questions and learned we have a lot in common.

Upcoming in-school dates:

- 2/2 Third Grade Play
- 2/3 Korean New Year: The Kims
- 2/4 Big and Little Sister Valentine's for convalescent home.
- 2/7 Patricia Quinn - speaker on ADHD
- 2/18 GPs' and Special Friends' Day
- 2/21-2/25 Mid-Winter Break
- 3/1 and 3/2 Parent-teacher conferences



- She has five grandchildren.
 - She loves to sing camp songs.
 - She loves dogs.
- It's Linda Gore, our school counselor.