

# RED GROUP NEWS

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## Language Arts

We are learning /j/, /h/ and /w/ sounds and are reviewing all other sounds.

Sight words: "they", "have", "said" and "for"

### Writer's Workshop / 6+1 Traits:

We are starting new Writers Workshop stories with a continued focus on the beginning, middle and end, as well as using detail to embellish our stories.

Punctuation: Continued lessons on: Periods. Exclamation points! And question marks?

## Math

- \* Developing language to describe and compare 2-D and 3-D shapes and their attributes.
- \* Relating 2-D and 3-D shapes to real-world objects.
- \* Describing the attributes of circles, rectangles, triangles and squares.
- \* Constructing 2-D shapes.
- \* Finding combinations of shapes that fill an area.
- \* Exploring relationships among pattern block shapes.
- \* Relating 3-D shapes to 3-D pictures of 3-D shapes.

## Social

### Class Meeting Topics:

"Make new friends, but keep the old..." We are discussing the importance of close friendships, as well as knowing it is okay to develop new friendships with different people.

### Multicultural Studies:

In honor of International Women's Day, we selected the book "Of Thee I Sing" highlighting the accomplishments of influential women. The girls then wrote about women in their lives who have positively influenced them.

### SNIPPETS:

"I don't know why I like water so much."

"I once stepped on a jellyfish, but it didn't bite me...must've been sleeping."

"At the end of the year, I'm going to donate my writers workshop books, then real people will buy them."

### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY ASSEMBLY:

At our annual International Women's Day Assembly, Natalie Coughlin, winner of the Olympic Gold

Medal, spoke to our girls about her commitment to swimming since age six. The girls were also entertained by Circus Finnelli, and listened attentively as Ida Cortez delivered a speech about the tenacious Wilma Rudolph.

### Upcoming In-School Dates:

**3/16:** Second grade play

**3/17 and 3/18:** No School (Parent/Teacher conferences)

**3/22:** SPEAK Event: Alfie Kohn



Year of the Rabbit! 3rd Grade Lion Dance Performance.



Invention Convention, 2011! Learning about many different inventions created by the 3rd and 4th grades.



Olympic Gold Medalist Natalie Coughlin at our International Women's Day Assembly.