

First Grade Free Press

Mrs. Sorenson and Miss Stevens

November 14, 2008

Wow! The boys and girls have been very patient during our assessment period. Not only are we working them very hard, but assessment can often change our daily routines. We are pleased to say that we are now back on our regular schedules.

SWR

Now that we have formally introduced two short vowel sounds (a and i) some students are having difficulty differentiating between sounds. Please continue to practice our old words/sounds/skills alongside the newer ones. This should help reinforce student understanding.

Writing Workshop

The children have been writing up a storm! We have continued to 'raise the bar' for all of the boys and girls. Many students are now writing 2-3 pages of their small moment in just one sitting. Although inventive spelling is still very developmentally appropriate we are holding children accountable for words/skills they have been formally taught this year.

Science Theme

We are continuing with our study of weather. This week we have been exploring the component (there are four that combined form the weather) of temperature. Students really seem to like their 'flip books.' Ask your child to tell you about this fun and silly book.

Math

This week in math, we learned about using the number line as a math tool to help solve addition and subtraction problems. We also returned to the topic of telling

time, but are now practicing reading and writing time to the one-half hour.

Conferences

Parent/teacher conferences will be held next Tuesday and Thursday after school. This is a time to discuss in depth your child's progress. Although we know that childcare can be difficult to find we have found that conferences tend to run more smoothly if it is an adult discussion. However, we will have some quiet activities available should your child attend. In order to make the most of our short time please consider the following questions before you come.

1. Does your child enjoy school?
2. Do you have any specific concerns regarding your child's progress?
3. Are there any parts of the curriculum that you would like explained?

This is YOUR conference and we want to make sure that we are able to discuss any concerns (as well as celebrate) you may have.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ Tuesday and Thursday, November 18th and 20th: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- ❖ Wednesday - Friday, November 26th -28th: NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving

Have a great weekend! See you all next week. ☺

