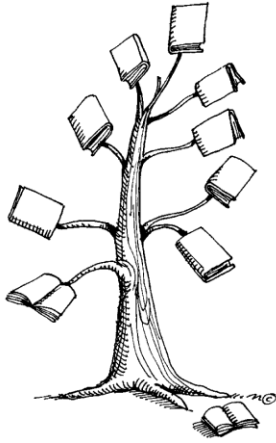


Mrs. Hyatt's Classroom News: September 13, 2010 to September 17, 2010



Kindergartners: Counting 1-20. We have also been working on the Letters: Hh, and Ww, and the final "s" sound. The kindergartners have also been working with the numbers 1-5 in proper writing formation, and tally marks. Our theme for last week was "Farm Animals", Missionaries, and Stamps.

First Graders: Counting, number order, and writing 1-99. We have also been working on addition/ subtraction facts to 10. Also covered was big/little, long/short, patterns, ones and tens place, and measurement. In English we have been working on punctuation and syllables.

Second Graders: In English, we have been working on the Writing Process: Drafting, Revising, Proofreading, and Review. In Math we have been working on addition/subtraction facts to 18, place value (ones and tens), fact families, patterns, reading and writing to 200, even and odd numbers, skip counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's, and telling time.

Kindergartners: We read "If you take a Mouse to School" by Laura Numeroff. There certainly are great risks in bringing your mouse to school. For starters, he'll ask you for your lunchbox, then a sandwich, and a snack for later. Still not satisfied, he'll want to participate in everything from math to soccer. The kids laughed along as we read page by page. There were some valuable lessons on how to act (and not act) in school.

First and Second Graders: Ask about the "Library Mouse" by Daniel Kirk. The book enhanced the second graders study on the Writing Process.

The book is about a mouse in a library who becomes a writer. The mouse, Sam lives in a hole in the wall behind the children's reference books. During the day he sleeps, but at night he reads all kinds of books. One night Sam decides to write and illustrate his own. He writes about himself, and he draws his likeness, posing in a little mirror and sketching what he saw. He slips "Squeak! A Mouse's Life" into the biography section. A girl finds it and shows it to the librarian, who is intrigued. Then Sam writes more: The Lonely Cheese and The Mystery of Mouse Mansion. Increasingly curious, the librarian posts a note on the bulletin board, inviting Sam to Meet the Author Day. What is Sam to do? His delightfully unexpected solution inspired the kids to write their own story books.

Other Happenings: The class is still in need of snack donations. Suggestions include: goldfish, pretzels, animal crackers, etc... Also the class is still in need of clear plastic 2 liter soda bottles for our science experiment on Thursday.