



OUR 2E CLASSROOM NEWS

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Upcoming Events

Thurs., 10/20 - 1:32 Dismissal
Wed., 10/26 - Picture Retakes
Thurs., 10/27 - 1:32 Dismissal
Mon., 10/31 - Halloween Party
Thurs., 11/17 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
Mon., 11/21 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Science

Our science investigation this week focused on what happens when solid particles and solid objects are mixed with liquids. We looked at the properties of the materials dry and then observed them after water was added. We found out that solid particles and some solid objects change a lot (ask your child what happened to the mint and lima beans) and some change very little. We are now waiting to see if these changes are reversible. We also had a great discussion about what happens with evaporation.

Our Week of Learning

Reading - This week we finished Theme 1 by reading poetry. We found out that poets (people who write poetry) need to use superwords to give readers a picture in their minds and to feel certain feelings. We also learned about the elements of a poem. See if your child can tell you what is a stanza. Also ask your child what his/her favorite poem was this week. Next week we will begin our next theme, Nature Walk.

Math - We jumped right into Chapter 3, Basic Facts and Relationships. We found out that we can use basic facts we know (like doubles) to find the answer to more difficult facts like near doubles i.e. $6 + 7$. If we know that $6 + 6$ is 12, then $6 + 7$ will be one more, 13. We looked at other strategies where we can count on 1, 2, or 3, and did you know that if $8 + 9$ is 17, then $9 + 8$ is 17 too! It doesn't matter which addend comes first.

Writing - This week we looked at how writers like Jane Yolen make their writing so powerful. We discovered that writers use strong words to make us feel like we are in a special place. They also use comparisons to give a better picture.. (i.e. Instead of saying "I was quiet in class," we can say "I was as quiet as a mouse so no one would hear me." I gave the children a challenge to find a place in their writing where they could make their story more powerful by having comparisons. I was totally amazed by what they did. 2E writers are growing by leaps and bounds!

Specials

MON. DAY 2 MEDIA
TUES. DAY 3 PE/SS
WED. DAY 4 MUSIC
THURS. DAY 5 ART
FRI. DAY 6 PE/SS

I somehow misplaced the signup sheets for the holiday parties that were filled in at Unpack Night. Therefore, I will be sending out a mass email with a link to Signup Genius. If you know you signed up to help furnish treats, please follow the link. Sorry for any confusion this may cause.

