

Mrs. Nemo's & Mrs. Tarr's

Class News

January



1/10/14

Content Corner

Coming Up...

Reading:

Students will work on learning how to synthesize information while they read. They will learn to merge new information with their schema and pay attention to how their thinking changes.

Writing:

We're continuing to learn about adverbs and starting to work with conjunctions and compound sentences. Soon we'll be starting our next big writing project.

Math:

Next week we will continue learning about multiplication and division facts. The Math in Focus program emphasizes the need for students to understand that two multiplication problems can be added together to make a larger multiplication problem. For instance, $6 \times 9 = (5 \times 9) + (1 \times 9)$ or $54 = 45 + 9$. Students have done a great job learning and understanding the concept this week.

Science:

We will be discussing the 3 states of matter next week. Today we wrapped up our activity that measured the mass and volume of water and marbles.

1/17: End of second quarter

1/20: NO SCHOOL—Martin Luther King Day

1/21-2/3: MAP testing window

1/28: Roxaboxen (wear shirts)

Final "Souper" bowl donations

1/27: Report cards sent home

In the Spotlight

Morgan has really been helpful in class. When she notices something is out of place she fixes it without hesitation. If someone needs help, she's there. She also has been trying on new challenges and works hard to do well. I'm very proud of Morgan and how kind she is to others and her work ethic! Keep up the great work Morgan!



- Community service for Roxaboxen is going on now. We'll be collecting canned soup and other canned or dry ingredients for making soup going to the Lebanon Food Pantry. We will again have a competition between the four Roxaboxen groups to see which one wins the 'Souper Bowl' by donating the most by weight. Team names will be determined by the final four NFL teams making the playoffs.
- Spring OAA's will be here before we know it. So you are aware, the dates are Tuesday, April 29, for reading, and Friday May 2, for math. Please do not schedule any appointments for your child on these dates.



Ask Me About...



- Determining importance—main idea and details
- Knuffle Bunny and Knuffle Bunny Too
- What adverbs are (we just started this!)
- My writing marathon topic
- What matter is (anything that has mass and takes up space)
- What mass means and the tool we use to measure mass
- What an array is
- How two small multiplication problems can add up to a larger multiplication problem
- What a product is
- What a factor is

Websites/Literature



Stink Series
The Puppy Place Series
Geronimo Stilton Series

