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Classroom Wish List: Box Tops

Just as a Reminder:
Our Christmas party is from 2:00–3:10 on Monday, December 19! Don't forget to wear pajamas on Monday!

Mrs. Hayes' Classroom Connection

Here's What's Been Going On! Balanced Literacy Program

Our classroom has a balanced literacy program, with several components. Students will be involved, daily, with reading and writing workshop, as well as spelling and word study. Secondly, students will also study grammar. Aside from this, we will be focusing on mastery of our handwriting skills.

Students will be reading books, solely at their independent level, while participating in whole class and small group mini-lessons.

We continued working on comprehension strategies, specifically being able to visualize what we are reading in our minds. We have also been working on improving our reading stamina. Aside from this, we have been working on the components of retellings, including the heart of the story/lesson learned.

Word Study

Students will participate in a variety of activities, such as sorting words to understand phonemic patterns. This week we have been reviewing our words, thus far. We will begin the next

This week we continued our character study unit, which entails being able to put ourselves in the character's shoes and empathize with the role they take on in the book.

This week we continued learning characteristics of a persuasive essay. Students began drafting their persuasive essay. They identified their claim, stated a third reason, while backing it up with supporting evidence.

Persuasive writing, is a form of writing in which the writer uses words to convince the reader that the writer's opinion is correct in regards to an issue such as why someone should play soccer or compete in gymnastics.

sort after break.

Special Schedule

Monday: Spanish and Technology

Wednesday: Art

Thursday: Library

Friday: Gym

Upcoming Events

12/14 Popcorn/Spirit Day

12/19 Christmas Party 2:15– 3:15

12/21-1/3 Christmas Vacation



Math

This week students continued learning about addition and subtraction. Students have been learning various strategies to use when solving addition and subtraction equations.

The unit three test was on Friday, December 16.

Please continue to help your child practice their multiplication facts on a nightly basis. It is crucial that students know these facts fluently.

Homework will be sent home frequently. The homework is a direct reflection of what was taught that day in class. Typically, there are only a few problems for homework.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Your constant support and dedication is truly appreciated.

Social Studies

This week students continued learning about Michigan's natural resources. We have learned about water, fertile soil, forests and minerals as students explored how humans interact with the environment. Students have also been learning about significant human characteristics of Michigan including bridges, cities, highways and lighthouses.

Aside from this, we continued learning about the concepts of scarcity, choice and productive resources as they examined different types of economic activities in Michigan.

Every day is another day,
to make your dreams come true.