

News from Room 103

December 1, 2016



We are also
learning!!



Math

The focus in math has been measurement, data graphs, and addition and subtraction facts. Students first used nonstandard linear measures by using their finger, paper clips, tooth picks, pencils to measure objects in the classroom. They compared measurements and discussed why the measurements differed from one another.

Students also began using bar graphs to show a collection of information. Tally marks were first used to count various objects, votes, and weather days. Students then graphed the information.

Science

Students continue to learn about the dynamic nature of air. Students have conducted various experiments to learn about air pressure and compression. They created water fountains using air pressure.

Social Studies

This time of year is a wonderful opportunity to explore various celebrations around the world. We will be studying various festivities such as Las Posadas (Mexico), Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Diwali (India).



What We're Learning!

Happy Holidays! We have been working hard and look forward to enjoying the holidays with family and friends.

Reading

Our nonfiction unit on the seasons and weather was wonderful. Students learned some really interesting facts about all types of weather such as blizzards, thunder and lightning, and tornados. Students studied nonfiction elements: table of contents, captions, bold words and the glossary. We discussed how these features help readers while reading this type of text.

We have been reading some personal narrative style writing to enjoy the stories of others, as well as, learn from these authors.

We are also exploring cause (the reason why something happens) and effect (what happens because of the cause). This also reinforces the students' understanding of sequence of events.

Writing

We are now in our personal narrative writing unit where students will be writing about a very special moment in their life. Students identified that a personal narrative is something true, has a beginning, middle, and end, and has feeling. Students are learning how writers stretch a moment by adding a lot of details. This includes visual details to create imagery. This helps the reader experience the moment.

Other News

- Dance for Dewey – Wednesday, December 7th
- 1st grade Holiday Sing open rehearsal (parents are welcome) is Tuesday, December 13th, at 2:45pm. It will take place in the Multipurpose Room.
- Our classroom holiday party will be on Friday, December 23rd, at 2:30pm. All are welcome!
- Many before and after school activities are coming to a close. Please inquire if you have any questions.

