



First Grade Newsletter

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Reader's Workshop

In class, we talked about some of the most common words that we see when we are reading, which we call high frequency words. Knowing these high frequency words by sight helps us to read text, and also helps us to build knowledge about how letters and sounds work in words and sentences. A few examples of high frequency words are I, can, am, to, like, and see.

Math Workshop

In Math Workshop last week we finished up our Apple Box investigation with combinations of 10. We also spent time measuring items around the classroom using popsicle sticks and unifix cubes.

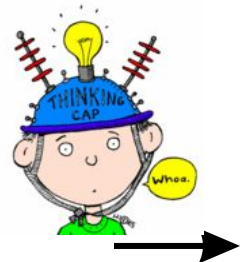


Our Pumpkin Investigation included measuring the circumference of each pumpkin with linker chains, measuring how tall our pumpkins were with unifix cubes, and estimating how many seeds were inside. This month in Number Corner students have been collecting shapes; hexagons, rhombuses, trapezoids, and triangles. Using these shapes and pattern blocks, they also designed the face for their pumpkin.

Mathematical Practice of the Week:

Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others

- Can make and defend a mathematical point
- Are able to communicate what they think and why they think that
- Be good listener to others' mathematical thinking, allowing them to consider the thinking and strategies of other students



Questions to Ask at Home to Further This Practice

- ★ How could you prove that?
- ★ How can you be sure?
- ★ Is this like another problem you've solved?
- ★ If I told you I think the answer should be, (offer a wrong answer) how would you explain that I'm wrong?



Our Trip to the Apple Orchard

Our first field trip of the year was a huge success! We look forward to taking other field trips this year and will definitely be calling on parents to help us out with chaperoning. While at Burt's Apple Orchard we had a picnic lunch, picked apples, munched on yummy cider donuts, picked pumpkins, and had a great time playing on the playground.





Pumpkin Fun

On Tuesday Ms. Crosby and Ms. Carr's fifth graders came to help us out! With their help, all students carved their pumpkins, applesauce was made, and pumpkin seeds were cooked. Later, all got to sample their tasty treats! All students involved did a great job of being Respectful,



Responsible, and Safe. It was a great day! Make sure to check out our pumpkins "spooking up" the entrance to our Plaza School!

CLiF Presentation

All HPES students attended a special Clif presentation at the LUHS auditorium on Wednesday. Clif (Children's Literacy Foundation), presented \$2000 worth of new books to the Lanpher Memorial Library. Children will have access to these books in special visits by Miss Amy, librarian extraordinaire, at the Lanpher Library. CLiF's Executive Director, Duncan McDougall got students excited about reading the books and visiting the library. This was a fun event, and we are definitely looking forward to getting our hands on some new books! A special thanks goes to Miss Amy and Mrs. Bryce for coordinating this opportunity for our students!

Exciting News!!!

First grade now has a website! This is a place where we will post our weekly newsletters and pictures of first grade happenings. Helpful links to parent resources and sites for extra practice at home will be added as the year progresses. Communication with parents and the community is important to us, so we will do our best to keep it updated! Please remember...it's a work in progress! :)

To find our site...go to www.hpes.org. Go to Staff directory on the left. Clicking on either Koch, Pratt, or Pirie will link you to the site. Feel free to let us know what you think!

Looking Ahead:

- ★ Oct. 18 - Early Dismissal
- ★ Oct. 19 - No School (Inservice)
- ★ Oct. 20 - No School (Inservice)
- ★ Oct. 25 - Picture Re-take Day
- ★ Oct. 27 - Fall Festival at the Oxbow
- ★ Oct. 31 - Ghost Walk @ 2:00 around Northgate Plaza