



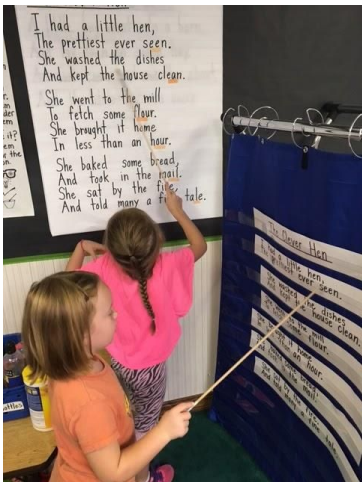
First Grade Newsletter

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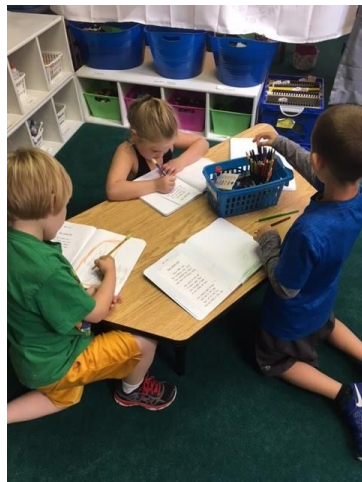
This Weekend...

It's time to "Saddle Up and Read!" The 6th grade will be hosting HPES' bi-annual Scholastic Book Fair at the Hyde Park Town Offices in the Lower Level.

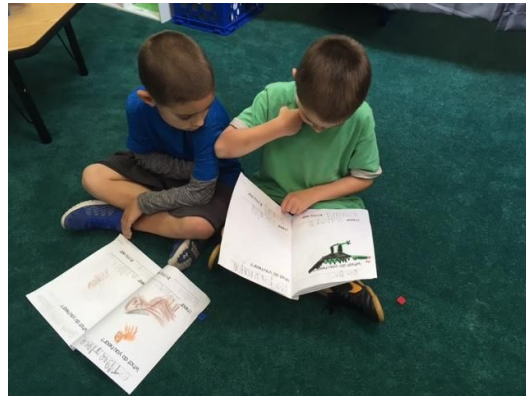
Readers Workshop



Poetry Wall



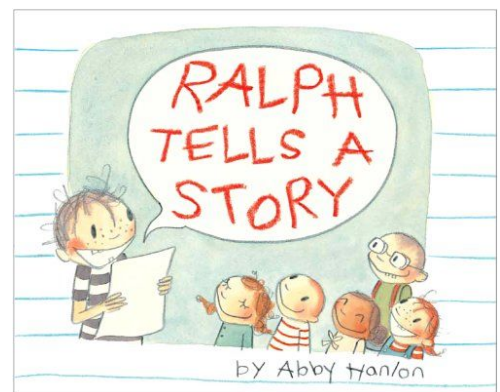
Writing Center



Partner Reading

Did you know that some authors get their ideas from real life experiences? This week we spent time looking at realistic fiction. One of our favorite books that we read together was *Ralph Tells a Story* by Abby Hanlon. In this story Ralph discovers that coming up with great story ideas isn't so hard. In fact, stories are everywhere!

We have also been focusing on letter formation. Learning correct formation from the start will help your child when it comes time to writing words and creating sentences. The ability to recognize the letter symbol and sound that matches is a learning target for the beginning of first grade.



Math Workshop

In today's environment, there are "habits of mind" that students need to develop and use when they employ math strategies, talk about the math they are learning, and solve problems. These practices help them learn the content and describe how students should be able to use the mathematics they learn in the world. These skills are important to employers who want to hire people who can solve problems and make sense of things. These are more commonly known as the eight Standards for Mathematical Practice. Each week we will highlight a practice and how you can help your child develop this practice at home.



Mathematical Practice of the Week:

Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

- Students shouldn't give up on a problem - even if it's hard!
- They search their memories for a similar problem or for what they've already learned that could help them
- Make a plan for solving the problem; talk themselves through the problem and visualize what is happening in it
- Check the reasonableness of answer. Does it make sense?
- If one strategy doesn't work, they try another

Questions to ask at home to further this practice:

- ★ What plan can you make to solve this problem?
- ★ Can you draw a picture or act out this problem?
- ★ What information is in the problem and what does it want you to figure out?

This week children were given the opportunity to work on Dreambox. This is an online, adaptive computer based program that meets students where they are and move them forward mathematically. We will be using this during our Math Workshop time to supplement our core math instruction. Models and language used mirror that of the classroom.

Students can also access Dreambox at home. In your child's Friday Folder is a letter that tells you how to get your child on at home, along with their password. Don't forget to enter our school code! This letter also gives you information on how to track your child's progress as a parent. Please let me know if you have any questions!

Coming Events

- ★ Oct. 18 - Early Dismissal
- ★ Oct. 19 - No School (Inservice)
- ★ Oct. 20 - No School (Inservice)
- ★ Oct. 25 - Picture Re-take Day