



First Grade News



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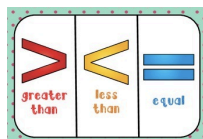
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Reading

This week in Reading students continued to practice identifying key words in their non-fiction books and using these words to support their retelling. We learned that keywords are similar to the important facts that we want to teach about our topic. First graders also learned the new vowel teams ai, ay and oa. We learned that when two vowels are next to each other, the first vowel in the “team” is usually a long vowel sound. Learning these phonics rules will help us tackle new or more challenging words in our reading.

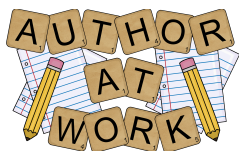
Math

This week in Math, students continued comparing 2 two-digit numbers based on the values of the tens and ones digits. Students learned two new games, Get Your Numbers in Order and Greatest of Them All, to practice ordering numbers from least to greatest. Students learned to look at the values in the tens place, and then the ones place if needed, to determine the greater or lesser value.



Writing

This week in Writing, first graders edited their nonfiction writing by pretending to be readers. First graders checked that they used capital letters and punctuation, that they put spaces between words, and that they could read all of the words they wrote. Students also practiced using nonfiction mentor texts and photographs of their topics to gather ideas for their own writing.



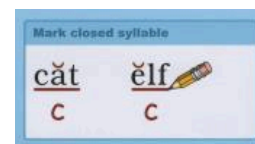
Science

This week in Science we continued learning about sky patterns. We explored the phenomenon of why when we wake up in the summer it's light outside, but when we wake up in the winter, it's dark. We discussed how the number of daylight hours is different for the different seasons based on the tilt of the earth. We learned that summer has the most daylight hours and winter the fewest.



Fundations

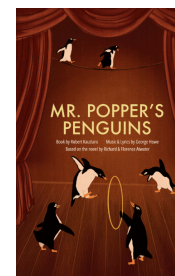
First graders kicked off Unit 9 this week which focuses on closed syllables. During this unit first graders will learn:



1. Closed syllables can only have one vowel.
2. The vowel is followed by one or more consonants (closed in).
3. The vowel sound is short. To indicate the short sound, the vowel is marked with a breve (˘).

Mr. Popper's Penguins

Students enjoyed our field trip to see the performance of “Mr. Popper’s Penguins” at the Wheelock Family Theater. Students loved the singing, dancing, and performance put on by all of the wonderful actors and actresses. First graders were an amazing audience, we are so proud of them!



Have a fun and restful February break!

February 19th-23rd: February Break

March 6th: Early Release. 12:15 dismissal

March 20th: Early Release. 12:15 dismissal



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