**1V News**

 **February 2014**



 **Reading Workshop**

*We have been learning about fiction books*

* *Recognizing characters-main*
* *Discussing the setting and how a setting can change throughout a book.*
* *Identifying character problems and solutions*
* *Retelling fiction stories using character names with events in order*

  **Writing Workshop**

We continued our unit on Non-fiction writing. We continued to create teaching books-informational books.

* Writer’s add and subtract information-revision
* Using a writer’s checklist to edit/revise
* Using punctuation/capitals/spelling words correctly
* Writer’s use a table of contents
* Planning and writing longer chapters
* Writing introductions and conclusions.

 **Math Workshop**

We started our new unit- Organizing and collecting

* We organized and collected items in the classroom.
* We discussed efficient ways to organize and to count.
* We made packs of ten.
* We made connections between the number of tens and the number that represents it.
* We made packs of ten with no loose ones.
* We worked on the 5 and 10 structure

**Word Work/Spelling/Handwriting**

* Blends: r and l
* Compound words
* Handwriting review

 **Special Events**

We celebrated Dr. Suess birthday. We read books, wrote rhymes and made puppets.

We learned about Abraham Lincoln and George Washington.

We had a CANE presentation on bird adaptations.

We started our new science unit on Day and Night Sky. We learned about the sun and we did an experiment to see why the sun looks so small.

The Spring party is on Thursday March 20th. Please let me know if you are planning on attending so I can put you on the visitor calendar.

Thank you to all the parents who came to math night!

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