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Throughout the month of October, the students continued to learn and practice the various rules and routines of the class. They have settled in and are doing a wonderful job showing respect to our classroom and classmates.

Each student had an opportunity to be the classroom star student!!! On this day they brought a share (show and tell). The share could be a favorite toy, storybook, photograph, or award. This share opportunity is a time for your child to build self-esteem and confidence by telling the class something special about themselves. Throughout the day the star student was interviewed by the class. Together we wrote a story about the things we learned and posted the stories on our classroom wall.

Readers Workshop

Throughout the month of October the students learned about and practiced various reading strategies that a reader can use when they get to an unfamiliar word in the text. The students have also been practicing self-correcting. They have learned the importance to stop and think about what they are reading. The students are learning that it is normal to make reading mistakes while reading but a great reader goes back and corrects their mistakes. The students also spent some time noticing patterns in books. Finding a helpful pattern is a great way to help reader’s problem solve tricky words and read more fluently.

Word Study

During the month of October, the students practices different short a, i and short o word family words. Throughout our word study units, we try to introduce and practice high frequency words. After reviewing these words they become part of our classroom word wall and serve as a model for future use.

Writing Workshop

During the writers workshop small moment’s unit the students learned how to choose writing topics called seed ideas, how to plan for writing, and ways to read their work and fix any “oops” mistakes they might have made. We also focused on stretching words out to spell the best that we can, using different forms of punctuation, and including character feelings to bring a story to life. They have published a piece and will be bringing them home to share with you shortly.

Math

We finished our first unit in math where the students learned about various combinations of numbers and that a single number can be made in many different ways. We also explored teen numbers where students investigated ways to compose and break apart teens. (a ten and some loose) In the month of October the students began learning about addition and have been practicing three mental math strategies that have allowed them to compute more fluently. We focused on counting on, doubles facts, and near double. As we start our new unit Double Decker Bus the students will be learning many other strategies.