

1V Newsletter September



Throughout the month of September your child learned about and practiced rules and routines of our classroom. They participated in various community building activities to set the tone for a respectful learning environment and foster a classroom of trust.

Readers Workshop

This month your child started Readers Workshop. During this time the students learned the various reading routines and expectations. They explored the classroom library, learned how to choose appropriate just-right books, and learned different ways to share/discuss books with a partner.

We also started reading groups! Each student will bring home a new book bag with books to be practiced for homework.

Word Study

During the month of September, we began our first grade word study program. We started working with short vowel sounds. We focused on short a word families, such as -at, -ag, and -ap. The students are starting to see how this knowledge helps them in their reading and writing.

Writers Workshop

During the writer's workshop launch students learned how to write a small moment personal narrative. They worked on choosing writing topics called "seed stories" that focus on one part of a day. They learned how to plan for writing, and ways to read their work and fix any "oops" mistakes. We also focused on stretching out words to spell the best that we can, used different forms of punctuation, and included character feelings to bring a story to life.

Math

We began the year in math with graphing. Students were asked to create survey questions, collect data, represent the data in the form of a graph, and write a meaningful comment about the information they found. Once graphing was completed we moved on to basic addition skills. (doubles, skip counting, near doubles)

The students are also enjoying our new math corner where we are practicing various skills such as calendar, shapes, money, story problems and much more.

Science

The students started their first science unit on Recycling and ways to take care of their planet. We had a special presentation from the town Recycling program who shared with us the different ways recycling happens in Fairfield. We also sorted the recyclable materials in the classroom and recorded data on the items that we had in our recycling collection.