February 2, 2024

The Rocker's Report

Class Newsletter



We will be having our Friendship party on Valentine's Day. Students can make Valentine boxes if they would like. It sounds like a few students have already started. Your child does not need to make a box if they don't want to or you don't have time. I will have supplies at school to make heart shape holders. Please

look in the Friday folder for a list of the classmates.



Still Missing

Over two weeks ago, someone accidentally took Lainey's snow pants and I believe, in the process left theirs behind. Lainey's snow pants are also black with straps similar to this pair. Those snow pants (looks gray in the picture but are black) have not been returned and are still in the room. Again, please check your child's winter gear to help us locate the missing pair. Thank you!

Academics:

Reading- The last two weeks we have been reading humorous fiction. First, we read the chapter from Ramona Quimby: Age 8 called "The Extra-Good Sunday". We followed the adventures of Ramona and Beezus as they prepared Sunday supper for their family after the two complained about supper the night before. We focused on identifying a few character traits for the character of our choice, defining that

trait and finding evidence in our story to support our opinion. This was a challenge for students.

This week we read two chapters from <u>Judy Moody Saves the World</u>. Judy, as always, goes overboard a little. This week's focus was on identifying the story elements: characters, setting and plot.

Language arts- Every day in the assignment notebook, we have been writing "Power Writing" due February 9th. The children have been given time to work on their animal projects during class too. However, they do need to work on it at home. As I told the students, if they just write a couple sentences each night, they can finish writing all of their facts in the two weeks I have given them. Power writing is due: February 9th.

*Please remind your child to keep all of their supplies in their backpacks so we can work on it in both places. Thank you!

Final typed report due Thursday, February 22nd

Spelling- This week we learned there are 3 ways to spell /air/: air, ear, and are. Then we learned the ear can sound like /ear/. Last week we discovered that the /er/ sound is most often spelled with the er (about 78% of the time), or and ar (about 10% each) ir/ur (about 2%).

Math- We have been continuing to work on measurement. We know that volume is measured in liters and milliliters and mass is measured in grams and kilograms. We are now measuring length in centimeters and meters. The module we're currently on is focusing on fractions. We've looked at fractions as part of a whole brownie. Used pattern blocks to identify fractions, and finally, we are placing fractions on a number line. All so that we'll be ready for a final activity. Creating and measuring a bean stalk and all its leaves to the nearest $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ centimeters. Then graphing all of the data.

Social Studies- We are excited to be getting ready for Chinese New Year next Friday. Thank you in advance to Mr. Kleinschmidt and Mrs. Tomjanovich for offering to help with scroll making in the morning.

Science- We finished our unit on Animals Through Time and are moving on to Life Cycles.

Important Information/Reminders:

Power writing portion of animal report due- Friday, February 9th
Chinese New Year Celebration- February 9th
Friendship Party- February 14
Student Council Pencil Sales - February 12-16
Finished animal report (typing/artwork)- Thursday, February 22
No School- February 23

Special Star

Leah was our special star last week. She celebrated her birthday on January 9th. Maybe she enjoyed a treat of crab rangoon, her favorite. One thing Leah feels she does well is write. She likes playing soccer the best. Every day after school she plays with her friends. When she's not playing with her friends she might be watching the t.v. series *Fuller House*, listening to a little Taylor Swift or reading <u>Go Pig or Go Home</u>. One thing Leah does to help around the house is do the dishes. Someday, she would like to visit Colorado. She would like to be a teacher when she grows up. \odot