



Mrs. Kuntz's First Grade Newsletter

February 26, 2010

Week 22



Reminders

***Monday-Picture Day**-the group pictures must be prepaid. They will also take individual pictures.

***Please keep selling cookie dough and candles.**

The deadline was extended to March 3rd.

***First grade will be performing "The Hukilau" on Tuesday, March 9th at 6:00pm. We need all of the first grade students to be there.**

*We are so excited that Hugh Bish received notification of our **4th** consecutive year to be awarded the continuing status of being a

Great Expectations Model School.

As a school community, we have worked very hard to accomplish this prestigious award. We will accept this impressive honor next Friday at 10:00.

Congratulations! Hugh Bish!!! You are a Great Expectations Model School!!!!!!



Tall oaks from little acorns grow...

The mission of **Great Expectations®** is to **motivate, inspire, and challenge** individuals to **achieve excellence** in learning and living.

*Next week is **Dr. Seuss's Birthday**. We will do many activities to commemorate his birthday.



We will have guest readers come and read a book to our class. We will read many books from other authors. We will make oobleck! We will make "Cat in the Hat" hats. We will have lots of fun

*Parents please be sure that your child has read the reading selections from their reading book by **Wednesday** of each week and that they have also read their library books by **Wednesday** of each week.

*Parents please drill your students in addition and subtraction facts from 1-20. Use flash cards. They should know them **without** counting on fingers or other manipulatives.

*Parents help your child learn to count money.

*Parents help your child learn to tell time.

*Parents please go over your child's papers each night and review what he/she has learned for the day.

*Parents please check your child's planner **every** night.

***Spring Break –March 13th-March 21st**

"Be satisfied with nothing but your best."

By Edward Rowland Sill

"One of the most difficult things to give away is kindness, it is usually returned." By Cort Flint

"I cannot teach anybody anything; I can only make them think." By Socrates

"To teach is to learn twice." By Joseph Joubert

"All good is hard. All evil is easy. Dying, losing, cheating, and mediocrity are easy. Stay away from easy." By Scott Alexander

*Thank you for your support.
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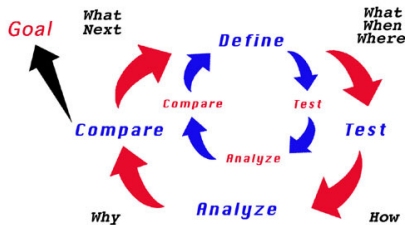
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This Week's Accomplishments

*Our word of the week was: ***“Problem-solving”***
(creating solutions; finding answers).

Problem Solving Process



“He who asks a question may be a fool for five minutes, but he who never asks a question remains a fool forever.”

Tom Connolly

“Hot heads and cold hearts never solved anything.”

Billy Graham

“How you think about a problem is more important than the problem itself - so always think positively.”

Norman Vincent Peale

*In reading, we read from the Genre: realistic fiction story: **“Mama’s Birthday Present”** and **“Chinese Surprises”**.

We learned about long ‘a’ (ai, ay), comprehension – draw conclusions, possessives, high frequency words, comparative endings ‘er’, ‘est’ review, dge/j review, research and study skills—calendar, and took the OCCT Weekly Selection Test.

*In math, we learned about addition strategies and facts to 18, practice addition facts, doubles, doubles plus 1, add three numbers, add three numbers in any order, problem solving-reading for math-sequence of events, problem solving practice, and took Chapter 17 Review/Test.

*In social studies, we continued learning about famous people in our history.

*In science, we continued to learn about movement and sound.

*In writing, we made up our own sentences/ stories using the spelling words and bonus words.

*We are in our second week with Cameron Students practicing their methods in math with our students. The students love this time in small groups and are learning more about math concepts.

Let’s Look At Next Week

*Spelling words: - eat, sea, each, team, please, dream, treat, beach, clean, lean
Bonus: - he, as, was, with, for, his, on, they, are, I

*In reading, we will read the stories from the genre: realistic fiction, **“The Dot”** and **“A Great Artist and His Dots”** Please be sure to read the story for this week by Wednesday. Also, be sure they have their library books read by Wednesday, so they will be able to take an AR test over them. Please listen to your child read them.

We will learn about long e, inflected endings, high frequency words, long ‘a’: ai, ay, review possessives, research and study skills—chart and table, and take the OCCT Weekly Selection Test.

*In social studies, we will learn about how the colonies became free. We will learn about Benjamin Franklin.

*In science, we will continue to learn about movement and sound.

*In writing, we will be making up our own sentences/ stories using the spelling words and bonus words. Please practice writing stories using the spelling words at home. Watch for correct punctuation and capitalization.

*In math, we will learn about subtraction strategies, practice subtraction facts, use doubles to subtract, relate subtraction facts to addition facts, study about fact families, and take Chapter 18 Review/Test.

*Our next week’s word of the week will be: **“Justice”** (being fair, right and upholding what is right)

“Moral excellence comes about as a result of habit. We become just by doing just acts, temperate by doing temperate acts, brave by doing brave acts.” Aristotle

Student Of The Week!

