



Class News for Mrs. Barnwell's Class

December 5th-21st

Here's what we have been working on:

Language!:

Both of my Language! groups are taking off in their reading. We are moving quickly through the units and much progress is being made. I am so proud of them. Thank you for supporting your student's success by continuing to be consistent with the reading and spelling homework. We have been focusing on writing activities and vocabulary the past few weeks.

Math: My Math class has started Space Math! (The adding of more than two one digit numbers) The students had to complete a page of 100 basic addition problems to show me that they were ready to learn Space Math. That challenge really motivated the class and they were all so excited to be learning this new skill. Ask your student to show off what he or she has been learning. The Semple Math way of teaching this concept is impressive to watch.

Language Arts: We have been working on creative writing in class. The students have been giving their imaginations a workout while writing a story about an underwater secret world they have discovered.

We have also been discussing story elements such as setting, characters, and the problem and solution. We are working on a “story box” to show off our knowledge. Each side of the box shows a different element of the story. These will be coming home shortly. We will be making more of these, so if you have any empty cube shaped tissue boxes, please send them in.



Social Studies: We are studying Government in Social Studies. We are focusing on an overview of what government is and who our leaders are. We are also learning the meaning of the symbols of our government.

Science: We have just finished up our unit on the water cycle. The students will be bringing home their terrariums at the end of next week. Thank you to all who provided a 2-liter bottle for your student’s project.

Social Skills: Last week we had the pleasure of having the Theater Action Project visit our school for four days. The actors took us on a long imaginary journey to help us learn about social skills and conflict resolution. The students really enjoyed it. The actors will visit us again in a few weeks to see if the students have been using their new skills.

Other Notes:

*Our school has adopted a family. The first and second grade classes are in charge of providing sports equipment. A note went home in Thursday folders with all of the details. If you need clarification, please email me.

*There will be an assembly on **Wednesday, December 19th** starting at **2:10**.

*Our Holiday Party will be on **Thursday, December 20th** at **11:00**. All parents are invited to join us.

*Students will be dismissed at **12:05 on Thursday, December 20th** immediately following our party.

*School will resume on **January 8th**.

*Please send in any empty cube shaped tissue boxes at any time. I use them frequently for projects. I also collect empty cylindrical oatmeal boxes and metal coffee cans. Thanks!

