

News from Room 1♥4

A weekly newsletter from Mrs. Woodring

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This Week's News

Reading

This week, we reviewed words with short vowels and words with long vowels. We noticed that words with one vowel tend to make the short sound. Words with two vowels tend to make the long sound. When we looked at the long vowel words, there were mainly two ways that these long vowels were formed. We found lots of bossy e's and lots of vowel teams. We studied a few vowel teams that we see most often (ee, ea, ai, ui, oa).

We also continued to work with text to self connections and focused on how the best connections: remind us of something that has happened to us, include a feeling, AND are connected to the 'heart' of the story. We talked about how we make lots of little connections as we are reading, but the connections that help us understand a book even better are often connections that are connected to the main idea of the story or the lesson a story is trying to teach you.

Writing

We are adopting Angela Johnson as our mentor for this unit and we will study many of her books to learn what techniques she uses to write her stories. The students have already noticed this week that she uses ellipses (or ...) in her writing. They pointed out how she used them to slow down a reader, but also to build suspense at the end of a page and make the reader turn the page to find out what comes next. Many of the students experimented with ellipses in their writing this week as well. We also noticed how she used repeating words on different pages to focus in on her big idea.

Math

We continued to work with dimes and pennies this week. We worked on grouping large amounts of pennies into groups of ten to count them more easily. We also worked on adding to small amounts of pennies together using the 'make a ten' strategy and showing our work using dimes and pennies.

Spelling

This week, we work with the words: from, be, & this. We worked with double letters and noticed that when two letters that are the same are next to each other, they only make one sound.

Next Week's News

Reading

- Text to Self connections
- Short vowel words VS. long vowel words

Writers' Workshop

- Writing many moment stories and using other authors as mentors

Math

- Working with double digit numbers
- Making groups of ten and counting on

Spelling

- Unit 13: from, be, this

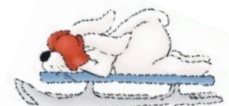
Valentine's Day

A big thank you is in order for all of the parents who helped to plan our Valentine party. The students have enjoyed each party this year and I am so thankful for our volunteers who put in all the time that goes into the planning of these events. Thank you from everyone in Room 104!

* I look forward to sharing all of your child's progress with you during your conference time!

Up Ahead

- 2/23: Family Fare Field Trip
- 2/25: Trip to the High School for a class presentation
- 2/28 & 3/2-3: Conferences



Have a great weekend!

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