

Mrs. Fisher's Quarterly News

What we've been up to...

My how quickly our first term as third graders has gone! September was a month of new beginnings. We had to learn a new classroom, new safety procedures, new routines, and new expectations. As a class, we talked about good study habits. I emphasized the importance of reviewing everyday and not waiting until the day before our tests to study. We also talked about having someone at home help us study by quizzing us on important vocabulary words.

Language

In language, we wrapped up our study of sentences. We worked on finding the subject and predicate in a sentence. Also, we identified and created declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory sentences. We concluded our study of sentences with how to form compound sentences.

Math

In math this quarter, we reviewed the concepts of place value, rounding, and comparing numbers. We then moved on to our addition chapter where we worked on how to estimate sums and how to regroup. We used these concepts to add large numbers in the thousands and ten thousands. Reviewing basic addition facts nightly made the process of adding larger numbers much easier to complete. We started doing 5-minute math tests to help us get proficient with our math facts. Now that we are starting our subtraction chapter, we will be switching to subtraction fact tests. Please be reviewing.

Science

In science this term we learned about animal and plant needs and adaptations. We also learned how the needs of living things are met by their habitats. The students then used this information to create their own unique animals. The students selected adaptations and designed their animals around these characteristics. Once the habitats and animals were created, the students wrote paragraphs describing their animals and how the adaptations help the animals survive. We wrapped up the project, with the students presenting their projects.

Newsworthy Notes...

- Please check your child's take home folder and planner nightly.
- Spelling Practice Tests need to be signed by a parent or guardian when they are turned in on their due date in order to get credit.
- Please remember to date all dismissal notes and to have your child's name in the note.
- Please make sure that your child's school sweatshirts and sweaters are labeled with their first and last name.