



Mrs. Sullivan's Classroom News



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READING

We have finished two guided reading books in most reading groups. One group only read one due to the size of their book. When the students return to school on Monday, November 2nd, they will be receiving their new book along with a reading journal to work on.

For a shared reading, we have been using National Geographics, Story Works, and trade books. We will continue to use these resources since you all paid for them! We will also eventually use novels as a shared reading.

SPELLING

This week we brainstormed Halloween words. They tested today. I am not taking a grade for this test. It was just for fun. Spelling will continue the way it has been. Also, they have been writing 2 of each type of sentence. Please make sure they have at least 7 words in each sentence. Eventually, they will be expected to write a spelling paragraph rather than sentences.

LANGUAGE ARTS

We have been doing a lot of writing this month. We have spent the last 3 weeks writing book reviews and comparing fiction and non-fiction books. I use the gradual release of responsibility method when teaching writing, among other content areas. So, the first day I modeled writing a fiction book review. The next day, I guide the students to write one as a class, and they write it with me in their notebook. This becomes a reference for them to refer to. The third day, they work with partners or in a small group to write another book review. This provides them with peer help, but they are slowly taking on more responsibility. Then, they finally do one on their own, which is what I take a grade on.

MATHEMATICS

We have finished Unit 2 in math. The students are very comfortable with the skills taught in this unit. We are now starting Unit 3 which is all about measurement. Students are having a hard time measuring to the nearest $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. They think that they must have a fraction in their answer if they are measuring to the nearest $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. Please help them with this. They also still need practice with elapsed time and making change.

Example: Suzie bought a candy bar for \$0.47 and gave the cashier \$1.00. How much change did she receive?

Example: If Erin read from 2:15pm-6:35pm, how long did she read for?

SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES

We have finished our unit on Kenosha. The students all tested on it. The tests were sent home with a grade on it. Thank you for your support in helping them study and allowing them to go on the coordinating field trips. There will be one more Kenosha field trip in the spring when it is warmer.

We also did our first science unit. It was short because it is all about measurement, and they do the same activities in math. They need to study for the test by using their review packets and their science notebook. The test will be on Monday, November 2nd. We have Carthage students working in our room with science, so we will start our next unit right away.

NOTES

- 🌐 No school on Thursday or Friday.
- 🌐 Friday, November 6th is 11:05 dismissal.
- 🌐 End of the quarter is Friday, November 6th. If you haven't sent in your conference slip, please do so ASAP.
- 🌐 I will be sending out notes telling you when your conference is next week.
- 🌐 If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please call or email me.