

09/03/21

**Silver Door 1**

Dear Parents of Silver Door 1,

Reminders: On Monday, September 6, the school will be closed for Labor Day.

On Tuesday, September 7th is a Teacher Planning Day. Attendance is not mandatory.

In Language Arts and Reading, it was another week of reviewing. The students practiced the sounds of the letters c, f, d, and h. They also learned the short vowel sound for letters e and o like in egg and octopus. We worked on two parts of a sentence. The first part was capital letters. We learned that we start a sentence with an uppercase letter. The second part was punctuation marks. We learned what a question mark and an exclamation point are. We then went over that they belong at the end of our sentence so we know when a sentence is done. For our story, we read "Jack and the Beanstalk". It was about a boy who sold his cow for magic beans, and those beans grew to a tall beanstalk. He then climbed it to see a giant and his wife living there. He then took things from them to help him and his mom. Next week will be our last week of reviewing.

In Math, we finished Chapter 1. The students learned that the number zero means nothing, so when we add a number to zero, the number will stay the same. They also learned that no matter what order the addends are in, the sum will stay the same. On Friday we did a finger-painting activity where the students used their fingers to make drops to match the addition sentence. Next week we will be doing our Chapter 1 test.

In Science, we started our first topic, Observe the Sky. We first went over what pictures clues are and how they help us when we read. Then we talked about a special tool that can help us see the sky better, a telescope. We then talked about what we see in the sky during the day and nighttime. For our experiment, the students used a flashlight to see why it is hard to see stars during the day. Everyone had such a blast. Next week we will be focusing on Social Studies.

Have an amazing long weekend!!

Ms. Sammy

## Silver Door 2

Dear Parents,

These are some of the things we worked on this week.

The children practiced proper punctuation, we reviewed what sentences, statements, and questions are. The children were encouraged to write (narrative) a fantasy story, we revised it together and made some corrections using some editing marks learned this week. We have been reading and discussing "How Friends Can Depend On Each Other,". The students got into groups of two or three, they made a list of events where they depended on a friend or when friends depended on them. The students presented their work in class.

In Science, we learned about different environments such as a Prairie, a Marsh, the Woodlands, and a Desert and how plants have adapted to these environments.

For Social Studies we reinforced main topics and finding details and visualizing print and illustrations; we introduced vocabulary words: thematic map, political map, physical map, and a globe.

The students learned how to describe 2-digit numbers in two different ways: with illustrations showing tens and ones and by adding the value of the digits.

On another note, I wanted to let you know that the assessments from the first week of school will not be graded. I will grade today's assessments and I will post the students' grades in their agendas.

Thank you for your patience as I get acquainted with Brightwheel :)

Please remember to have your child at school by 8:20 at the latest, well rested and ready to learn :)!!!

Just a reminder: The school will be closed on Monday. We will have a teacher's planning day on Tuesday, attendance is optional.

Enjoy the long weekend :)

Ms. Audrey