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Dear Parents,

I hope this week was as amazing for you as it was for me!

During this week we worked with blends such as cl, dr sk, sl and st. We also worked with closed syllables, subjects and predicates. The students learned the parts of a letter and they wrote and corrected a few letters this week. The reading comprehension strategies used were looking for details in the story, recognizing the characters and how these changed throughout the story, and identifying the beginning, middle and ending. We read fiction stories (genre) such as "Not Norman" and "Finding Cal."

During math, we are working on Chapter Two and have finished Lesson 2.4. Encourage your child to practice grouping addends to make a ten. This strategy is eventually used mentally (that's the goal). They have also learned and practiced counting forward by using a number line, counters, tens, and ones. The goal is to introduce many different strategies until the student uses the one that he/she feels more comfortable with.

In Science, we finished our chapter about plants and will begin Chapter 2, "All About Animals," next week. The new small books were handed out on Thursday; if your child did not get one, it is because your child has not returned the previous book. I recommend that your child begins reading this book as we cover a lesson in class; I like to make predictions before introducing our topic. I will write it on the homework so the students follow the lesson covered in class. Asking many open-ended questions about what was learned is encouraged!

On Thursday, the students will take a test about maps and what they have learned: what is a thematic map, what is a compass rose, what is a keymap, what are cardinals, and what is a scale? The students should recognize our state, the city where we live, what maps are good for, and the capitals of our nation and of our state.

KINDNESS 101 

We have covered the traits of reciprocity, appreciation, and leadership.

Most of the children mentioned that their mom is their leader "because she guides me" or "because she helps me." It is important to recognize and to apply these traits in our daily lives. I would like to recognize Mrs. Davis as a great leader. She guides us kindly and is helpful with the families here!

Other classes, such as Physical Education with Mrs. Jackie, Spanish with Mrs. Luz, and Music with Ms. Laura, continue to take place throughout the week. I simply listen and enjoy their classes, and it seems that the children do too!

COMING UP...

Tests, tests, tests...

Mon. Sept. 9th- Sp./H.F./Voc. Test (words from this week. New words will be introduced after).

Mon. Math test about making a ten to add three addends (e.g.  $7+3+4=$  Group 7 and 3= 10, then  $10+4= 14$ ; therefore,  $7+3+4= 14$ )

Thurs., Sept. 12th, our comprehension test is "Lola and Tiva: An Unlikely Friendship."

Thurs.- Social Studies (see above information -within newsletter)

Fri.- Sept. 13th- the usual Sp./H.F/ Voc. test for the words presented next week.

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHER...

Thank you so very much for communicating with me and for having your child at school every day and on time! 😊

Have a lovely weekend!

Love,

Mrs. Audreyas well! This is to avoid losing or misplacing clothing!