

Kindergarten News

Mrs. Mullen's Kindergarten Class
May 7th, 2010

This week all of our activities were based on authors and earth awareness as well as recycling. We discussed a lot about what an author does and how important it is to read books. We also enjoyed learning more about our earth and how we can take care of it! This week was also busy working on Mother's Day projects!!

Centers:

Math: Money Math--worked with coins and their amounts

Writing: Wrote a book called My Magnificent Mother.

ABC: Earth awareness activity...wrote sentences about various earth pictures

Art: Created the world using a combination of shaving cream, glue and green food coloring

Science: Observed coal and wood pieces and used our senses to describe what we observed

Writer's Workshop: This week we didn't have writers workshop instead we were Authors and created our own stories. We started with a sloppy copy of the story, met with Mrs. Mullen to go over spelling errors etc, then created our final copy. Next week we plan on having an Authors tea and share our stories and have "tea" (milk) and cookies.

Sight Word List:

Our sight word list now includes: I, see, a, and, is, the, me, go, no, my, at, with, yes, to, it, in, we, will, you, like, he, she, be, for, if, can, on, not, from, was, are, saw, look, your, mom, dad, they and color words.

In Science we were introduced to recycling this week and discussed what the recycling symbol looks like and listed many items that we can recycle. We enjoyed the story Michael Recycle as well as sorting objects that can be recycled. We also talked about Natural Resources this week and what they are. We found out how important natural resources and recycling are to our environment.

For Social Studies we have been learning about maps and how they help us get around places. This week we made a map for how to get to a specific place in the building. Each table was assigned a place (ex: gym, office, lunch room) and the students had to work together to draw the map. Great cooperative learning skills too!

In Math this week we continued to practice counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's as well as the recognition of coins and their values. This week we also worked on measuring by volume. The kids were able to measure various items using a paper or plastic cup they had. It's amazing to see their reactions when they realize a cup might not hold as much as they think or vice versa!

Important Dates:

May 14th ---Zoo Field Trip---Make sure your child is dressed appropriately and has a sack lunch with drink

May 17th---Market Day

May 31st ---Memorial Day No School

When you strike out in anger, you may miss the other person, but you will always hit yourself.