

May 10, 2024

Here is your curriculum update:

Reading: I finished reading our character Studies book The Trumpet of the Swan aloud. We learned about the genre of the book, the protagonist and the antagonist and the theme of the book. We also learned some interesting facts about trumpeter swans.

This week, we started our reading unit on fairy tales and I've been reading some fractured fairy tales. This fairy tale unit of study will help you focus on story mapping, character traits and story elements. Fairy tales offer a fun and engaging unit of study for your classroom. Students tend to love the familiarity along with the little surprises that can be added to this study. Many students have heard a traditional version of a story like The Three Little Pigs or Little Red Riding Hood. In this unit, students will have the opportunity to review stories like those along with adding in versions that have fun and unexpected twists. If anyone has different versions of fairy tales that they would like to share, please do let me know.

Writing: For fairy tale writing, we will start off by looking at fairy tales by studying, annotating, noticing the plot, and start to think of changes we can make to alter the tale. After being exposed to a number of fractured fairy tales, the students are developing many of their own ideas to adapt or even write their own.

Math: During the next few weeks, we will be working on our Geometry unit. We have learning about plane shapes. We will learn to identify polygons and describe them by their sides and angles.

Science: We had a wonderful visit to McClellan Ranch Park. We have talked about adaptations of insects and plants and water quality. We will be moving into why plants give us fruit.

Social Studies: We will be moving into our Economy unit where we will be learning about consumer and producers, the history of money, and wants vs. needs.

Thank You Corner:

Thank you for the continued donations all of the tissue boxes. Spring allergies have hit Room 16. I think we have enough to last us through the last day.

Thank you to our parent chaperones who accompanied us on our creek walk field trip. Shout out to Leo's mom, Sela's mom, Inbar's mom, Terence's mom, Jaden's mom, Aaron's mom, and Dan's mom for joining us!

Thank you so much for the amazing gifts during Teacher Appreciation Week. My bucket is overflowing because of all of your kindness.

I had many younger students come my way after school to see the door! All of the notes, cards, and artwork were such a joy to read. Of course, the treats throughout the week were such a treat.

It sure shows that the students have been listening and observing throughout the year when it comes to the snacks, and hobbies that I enjoy. Lastly, the class gift card for Amazon much appreciated, as it is one of my favorite places.

Your kindness is very much appreciated– my heart takes a picture of all your kind gestures.

Upcoming Dates:

May 13- Classroom Visit to the Book Fair

May 15-16- Bring in Museum Display project

May 16: Open House 5:00-6:00 pm (classrooms open)

-Art Show in the GLC and CLab visits (open from 4pm - 7pm)

-Scholastic Book Fair

-Food Trucks

May 30- Memorial Day; No School

June 7: Field Day and Lunch on the Lawn