

Ms. LaCasse's Newsnotes

WEEK IN REVIEW

Wow! We really hit the ground running this week! It was amazing to see all of the great work we are starting to accomplish together. We even had time for an Evacuation and Earthquake drill. It was the best I have ever seen this class do. I am so proud of them! We did tweak our schedule a little bit this week to see what would best fit our class, and so far, it has been working nicely. We now come in after lunch and read for about 5-10 minutes as some nice calm down/quiet time. The kids are loving that.

LANGUAGE ARTS

We have really worked hard in ELA this week. We started to learn more about writing about ideas by jotting down thoughts that we have regarding people we are close to. We also discovered what makes good freewriting, and started to do some freewriting on our own. This week we also started Word Study; which is something our class really loves! We focused on using context clues to solve vocabulary words that we do not know (quiz next week), and we read Horton Hears a Who to start to connect real life situations to Article 1 of the UDHR. Students then wrote a connection piece on the two texts, and their work totally blew me away! We even started learning more about similes and quotes. We are starting to learn more about the upcoming election next week as well as Veteran's Day in preparation for the National Election and Veteran's Day. We have some heavy topics to learn about soon!

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CELEBRATION STORY

This week, I had student who was so happy with himself. He was able to go several days without a behavior slip, which has been his goal! Yay for this student! You rock!

MATH

Math has been going better the last few days. We have two math classes a day, and we are really making some gains. Students have been learning how to find a common denominator to find equivalent fractions, and we have been learning how to add and subtract fractions at the same time! We learned how to use tape diagrams, area models, the

Take From 1 strategy, the add-unknown strategy, and more. We also had another small quiz, and did some carousel writing about the vocab terms that we know. Next week, students will be taking their Mid-Module Assessment!

SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES

In Social Studies, we actually applied Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to a story called Horton Hears a Who by Dr. Seuss. Students understood the concept that all people are created equal and should treat one another with respect. We learned new vocab words such as Declaration as well. For the next few weeks, we will be learning about the election, as well as Veteran's Day.

DATES AND REMINDERS

- Check out our classroom website: <http://lacasse5thgrade.weebly.com/>
- Please remind students to dress warmly in the mornings. It is fall time!
- We are also still a peanut free classroom, please remember that.
- Book orders are due on 10/28/16
- It is Red Ribbon Week next week! Please see the flyer to read about the events next week for students!
- GES K-Kids Fall Festival Fundraiser is on 10/29 at the Gazebo in town from 11 am to 1 pm.