

Ms. LaCasse's Newsnotes

WEEK IN REVIEW

Wow! We sure are rocking and rolling now in the 5th grade. We have some great focus, which is also causing us to get some great learning done! We are also very curious about many different things, so we are starting to branch out, ask questions, research, and retain new information, all while using great skills and an open mind to learn!

LANGUAGE ARTS

We have been rockstars at ELA this past week. Students finished their CFA Post Unit 1, and finished their CFA Pre Unit 2 assessment. We are learning how to generate ideas for narratives, make goals for ourselves based on an on-demand narrative prompt we wrote, we are finding similes in reading everywhere, and we are connecting our read alouds to our writing. We are reviewing the short story elements, learning about Point of View and the narrator's perspective on a story, and we are starting to discover and learn more about plot. This will help us with summarizing stories, and with writing our own stories soon! We also just started a new Word Study Chart, we will be learning about Greek and Latin Roots next week some more, and we are continuing to read the book Because of Mr. Terupt.

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CELEBRATION STORY

There is one student who really stands out in my mind this week. This student completely shocked me on Thursday when he took our writing conference conversation and used it to connect to a book that we read. He realized that a writer typically connects the end of the story with the middle or main part of the narrative. He did this connection without prompting, and I was so proud of him!

MATH

Well, this week we decided to do some experimenting with our math time. In the past, we typically did math in the morning and afternoon, but this week, we tried to do it all in the morning. It was WAY more successful for us! We were able to finish lessons with time to spare and work on other lessons. It was amazing to witness and see! So,

students worked on comparing fractions using benchmark numbers, they worked on estimating the sum and difference of fractions, and they also worked on adding mixed numbers. They were math rock stars!

SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES

Well, we learned some random social studies and science information over the week. We learned a little more about the Earth and the equator (thanks to Guided Reading groups sparking the conversation), and we learned about homelessness in airports (thanks to an amazing picture book). We are about to start an amazing unit that focuses on the North Country of NH, so be prepared for many questions from your students regarding the history of our own and surrounding areas!

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.
- Early dismissal 11/23 and no school on 11/24 and 11/25.