

Mrs. Holum's First Grade



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Reading Roundup

Using the students' names, we have focused on short vowel sounds and how to tell when y is a vowel. We learned some body actions to help us remember the sounds that short vowels make. Ask your child to show them to you.

A- apple


E- Ed

I - itchy

O- octopus

U- up

We have also been using student names for "Making Words," using the letters in our names to make other words.



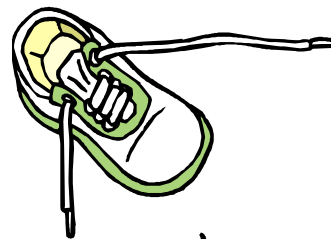
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Math Moments

We have been doing various types of math this week. We made a shoe graph learning about picture graphs, used our math templates, learned about our calendar routine, learned about number collection boxes, and played a fun math game called Number Line Squeeze.

Science Center

We began our first unit of Balance and Motion last week. The children were to find the balance point of a paper crayfish and then use clothespins as counterweights to find alternative balance points. We then used what we had learned to determine if other items would balance with counterweights. That paper is attached. We completed this section by making a beautiful balancing dragonfly. You will see it next week.



Shoes and Feet

We have had a lot of fun seeing the variety of interesting shoes that have come in to our shoe museum. If your child has not had a turn yet, he/she will next week. The students enjoyed having their feet painted last week. Please enjoy the display of their footprints in the hall. Thank you to Mrs. Palmen and Mrs. Madrigrano for helping with this project. We have read many stories and poems about shoes and have learned several songs about shoes.

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HOMEWORK:

Two math Homelinks will come home next week.

Important Information:

*Picture Day is Wednesday, September 14th. Please return your picture day form that was included in your registration packet by the 14th. More forms are available at the Primary School office if needed.

* We will be visiting the school library on C days. In order to checkout new books, your child will need to return the books he/she checked out the week prior. Our first library check-out day is scheduled for September 12th.