

Friday, September 12, 2014

Dear Parents,

This week in nutshell...

### **English/Language Arts**

- Worked with our Vocabulary and the word skill of adding the inflectional ending (-ing) to words ending in VC and VCC
  - Identified the base word of each list word with an ending
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  - Played a matching game in whole groups
  - Continued to identify word parts (prefixes, suffixes)
  - Discussed the etymology (word origins) of root words...even in MATH!
    - Do you know what “ped” means in Greek? Can you think of some words with “ped” in it? We did- pedal, pedestrian, pedometer, etc.
    - Where does the abbreviation for pound (lb.) come from? Give up? In Latin the word for pound is libra (a shortened version of libra pondo-pound weight)
    - How about solipsism? What does it mean? Well, “solus” in Latin means *alone* like sole in English. Adding –ism means the belief of something, so *solipsism* is the belief that the self is the only reality. Deep, huh? I think our heads sparked on that one. The main character in our read aloud is quite the thinker.
    - Heard a few past and current vocab words in our Teacher Read Aloud- Smiles to Go written by Jerry Spinelli
- Identified nouns of different kinds: name people/animals; things; places; ideas/feelings.
- Used our dictionaries and textbook glossaries.
- Completed our first Vocabulary Quiz ( including spelling and meaning)

### **Math**

- Completed our first “Mad Minutes” (Timed tests-addition only- 30 problems in 1 minute).
  - We will do these regularly. At this time I am not logging progress- just practice for now.
- Reviewed odd and even numbers
  - Looked at patterns of adding all odd numbers together, odd and even numbers, and all even numbers.
    - Compared and contrasted
    - Made conclusions

### **Health/Science/Social Studies**

- Continued with TAG (Tell me something you know; Ask me a question; Give me a suggestion) in science
- Opened our social studies textbooks for the first time.
- Defined geography terms in social studies.
- Began a continent map project.

Remember Vocabulary Week 2 quiz is on Monday. Have a great weekend.

**Dates to Remember**

- Vocabulary Week 2 Quiz - Monday, September 15
- Picture Day- Monday, September 15
- PTO meeting- Tuesday, September 16