

Friday, September 19, 2014

Dear Parents,

This week in nutshell...

English/Language Arts

- Unscrambled our vocabulary and word skill words to solve a double puzzle
- Illustrated our vocabulary words used in sentences
- Brainstormed and classified nouns of different kinds: people, places, things
 - Was the challenged accepted to list nouns that are ideas or feelings?
- Completed our second Vocabulary Quiz (including spelling and meaning)
- Read aloud "Smiles to Go"

Math

- Completed more "Mad Minutes" to practice.
- Reviewed addition facts with sums to 20.
 - Looked at addition patterns
 - Color-coded an Addition Facts Table
 - Began to create a math glossary.
 - Our first math vocabulary test will be Friday, September 26.
- Practiced telling time to the minute. Quite a challenge!

Health/Science/Social Studies

- Discussed our findings of science specimens A, B, C
- Used our observation skills to discuss how seeds move
- Jigsawed our science chapter.
 - Worked in small groups
 - Each group became an expert on subtopic of chapter
 - Created a poster (our first time- learning to find important info and display in an organized way)
- Mrs. Benson from Porter County Soil and Conservation visited us on Wednesday
 - Allowed us to experience hands-on activities with seeds, leaves, roots, and stems
- Watched a video on some of our world's landforms (three types of mountains, mesas, plateaus, and valleys)
- Created a political continent map.
 - Color-coded a world map.
 - Created a key.
 - Identified the Equator and Prime Meridian (lines of latitude and longitude)
 - Identified compass rose.
 - Classified the world's tropical rainforests.
- Began creating a Midwest map of the US
 - Identified IN, the Ohio River, and the Mississippi River

Vocabulary Week 4 quiz will be a review week. Have a great weekend.

Dates to Remember

- Walk-a-Thon donation drive begins- Fri., 9/19-Wed., 10/8
- Vocabulary Week 3 Quiz - Monday, September 22
- PE test (football)- Tuesday, September 23
- "Be Kind" shoe donation ends Wednesday, September 24
- Math Vocabulary Test- Friday, September 26
- Vocabulary Week 4 Review Quiz - Monday, September 29