



Mrs. Shafer's Shenanigans

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Math, Reading, & Writing

In writing workshop this week, we worked on finishing up our stories. Students worked with partners to revise and edit. They fancied up their pictures, made sure it was easy to read, and made a cover for it. One thing different that we didn't do with our stories last time, is the author page. We looked at our mentor books for examples of an author page. Usually it is the last page if it's a paperback. Hardcover books usually have an author section on the back flap of the book cover. Students really had fun creating an author page about themselves!

In reading workshop, students were introduced to informational text (non-fiction). We learned that informational text are books that you can learn from. They do not have characters or a story. Non-fiction books often have a table of contents, glossary, index, captions, bold words, etc.

In math, we jumped like kangaroos! Students worked in teams. They had to determine what unit they wanted to use to measure their jumps: inches, feet, yards, centimeters. All teams chose

feet! Then they had to estimate how far they could jump before they actually jumped. Each person jumped 5 times. Then teams compiled all the jumps into a line plot. After the data was transferred to the line plot, teams had to write 2 questions about it. For example: How many students jumped 3 feet? How many jumps were there in all? These are on display above our lockers. Check them out during conferences!

Working in the same teams, students also created snowmen. They were given one measurement for each part of the snowman and had to work as a team to determine the other measurement. For example, the head had to be one foot tall, how fat was up to them. After measuring a head, middle, bottom, hat, and arms, students put all the pieces together. We hung the snowmen up in the room, and students had to compare the 5 snowmen to look at how they were the same and how they were different. 5 lucky students get to take them home (sorry parents)!

Word Wall Words of the Week

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Other News

With colder weather coming, please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for school, including: warm jackets, hats, mittens/gloves, snow pants and boots. Students also need to have a pair of shoes to wear in the classroom so they're not clunking around in wet boots all day. Students may leave a pair of shoes in their locker, if you prefer, or they can bring their shoes each day.

Remember, we only have school Monday and Tuesday next week. Because of the short week, we will not have word work. Friday folders also will **not** go home next week.

Have a great Thanksgiving!

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Special Dates to Remember:

- ☺ Nov. 25—Music Begins
- ☺ Nov. 26-30—Thanksgiving Break
- ☺ Dec. 3—Conferences 5-8
- ☺ Dec. 4—Conference 1-4 & 5-8
- ☺ Dec. 5 - Children's Theatre Production @ H.S.
- ☺ Dec. 19—X-mas Parties & Last Day
- ☺ May 5—Field Trip to Camp Pentalouan



Remember to return both library books on Wednesdays!

Reading logs are due on Fridays.