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# Mrs. Shafer's Shenanigans

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## Math, Reading, & Writing

In writing workshop this week, we focused on one tiny topic, and began to include some of those items that we found in Jonathan London books: ellipses, exclamation marks, hyphens, words written in all capitals or stretched out, and adjectives. We also included dialogue (when characters talk). Students used dialogue sparingly so it makes more of an impact. Maybe they only used it when the character had something important to say.

In reading workshop, we continued to focus on our characters. Students jotted when they noticed their characters changed. Maybe their character was happy at the beginning, but sad at the end. Students had to explain what their characters feelings or behaviors changed. Students also learned from their characters. Maybe their character had an experience, and students thought, "Oooh. I'd better not do that."...or "Hey, I might want to try that some day." On Thursday, students acted out their stories with partners. While reading independently, they practiced reading

with expression—when their character was excited, students had to READ with excitement. Then students got with partners and acted out their stories with *expression*.

In math, we spent a lot of time measuring. Students used rulers to measure in centimeters, inches, feet, and yards. They learned that 3 rulers could be put end-to-end to make a yard. Students worked in teams to estimate how long items around the classroom might be in in., ft., and yd. (longer than, shorter than, approximately), then actually used tools to measure it. We also measured the lengths of parts of our body in inches and centimeters.

Next week in science we will be making a well!

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**Word Wall Words of the Week**

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## Special Dates to Remember:

- ☺ Nov. 11—Adopt-a-Reader Begins
- ☺ Nov. 12—Conference Slips Due
- ☺ 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

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## Other News

### Help!

In math, we have been measuring objects in yards, and have been using 3 rulers end-to-end to make the yard. Sometimes, using a yard stick would be much easier. However, we only have 2 yardsticks in our class. If anyone has a lonely yard stick lying around the house, we would love to put it to work! We would only need to borrow it for a couple of weeks. If you have a yardstick you'd be willing to loan us, please let me know and we can figure out arrangements. Thank you!!!

**With colder weather coming, please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for school, including: warm jackets, hats, mittens/gloves and maybe even snowpants and boots if we get snow!**

**Thank you!**



Remember to return both library books on Wednesday!

Reading logs are due on Fridays.

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