



Mrs. Shafer's Shenanigans

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Math, Reading, & Writing

We began our Writing Workshop procedures this week. Students first wrote a quick Small Moment story. This is a story I will keep, then we'll compare this sample with a sample from the end of the year. You'll be amazed by how much your child will grow this year! We refreshed our memories as to what a small moment is: a true story about themselves that focuses on ONE topic. Students brainstormed story ideas and jotted them down in their writing journals.

In reading workshop, we have been learning how to use book marks, and to re-read. We re-read when:

- We don't understand something
- To practice reading smoother
- If we were distracted
- To understand characters

Students used sticky notes to mark in their

books where they re-read. They put an RR and maybe made a note as to why they re-read that section. We were also introduced to reading logs. Students will be writing down each day the title of the book they read, and how many pages.

In math, we have been learning how to use the number line. We played games to help us figure out where numbers are on the number line (0-100). We are also beginning place value, and learning about the ones and tens places.

For word work, students are learning the routines we will be using to learn how to spell words. Look for the purple letter in the Friday folder explaining word work. Look for homework ("spelling" lists) to start coming home on Monday.

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Special Dates to Remember:

- ☺ Sept. 17—Library Begins 1:40-2:00
- ☺ Sept. 23—Read-in @ 6:30
- ☺ Oct. 1—Student Count Day
- ☺ Oct. 6—Picture Day @ 9:30



We will begin visiting the library on Wednesday September 17. We will have library every Thursday 1:40-2:00.

Other News

Thank you to everyone who has sent in donations. We have enough wipes and baggies to last us the year (I hope!).

We can always use more tissues, though.

Remember to wear green and white on Fridays!

Also remember gym shoes on odd days.
