



Mrs. Shafer's Shenanigans

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Math, Reading, & Writing

In writing workshop, students collected ideas of topics to write about. Then they took that idea and zoomed in. Instead of writing about Michigan's Adventure, write about the time you rode the Mad Mouse. Instead of writing about the beach, write about climbing the dunes. Students actually wrote for 30 minutes on Thursday, and still begged to write some more. Some students' stories are 3 pages long, while others are 10. As the year goes, stories will get longer and longer as we add details, catchy leads, and endings.

In reading, students have learned that readers are always thinking. They ask questions like, "What kind of book is this?" "What will I have to do to read it?" "Who are the characters?" "How do I think this story will go?" We have been keeping individual reading logs that record the book title and number of pag-

es read. As the year progresses, we will be adding more tasks to the log. More complex work will be completed on at-home reading logs with parents' help.

In math, we have begun talking about place value. Our class went outside and used the place-value mat that is painted on the cement. We rolled a die, and that's how many students had to move to the ones place. After about 10-15 students were in the ones place, we noticed it was quite crowded. So we took 10 students out and traded them in for a 10. That person moved to the 10s place. We also used base-10 blocks to show numbers on a place value mat at our desks. The number 124 is made with 1 hundred, 2 tens, and 4 ones. The value of 1 hundred = 100. The value of 2 tens = 20, and the value of 4 ones = 4. In expanded notation this would look like $100+20+4=124$.

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Special Dates to Remember:

- ⌚ Sept. 23—Read-in @ 6:30
- ⌚ Oct. 1—Student Count Day
- ⌚ Oct. 6—Picture Day @ 9:30
- ⌚ Oct. 9—Fire Safety Assembly
- ⌚ Oct. 10 -Healthy Eating Lessons Begin



Other News

Please see the note in your child's Daily Folder regarding reading logs. This is something we will be doing daily for the remainder of the year.

In addition to our "Green & White Fridays", we will also have "College Mondays." Students are encouraged to wear clothing from their favorite college.

Your child checked out one library book on Wednesday. Please make sure this book makes it back by this Wednesday, or they will not be able to take a new one out.