



Mrs. Shafer's Shenanigans

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Math, Reading, & Writing

In writing workshop, students have been working on writing their small moments. They have learned to use carets to add details in the middle of sentences—or even to add a new sentence. They have learned strategies to use so that they are always busy working: add more details, start a new piece, reread, work with their partner. The class also learned some strategies to help them become problem solvers. What do they do if their pencil breaks? Need the bathroom? Lost an eraser? Get stuck and need help?

In reading workshop, students were introduced to partners (these are different than their word work partners). They learned how to talk with a partner (listen, respond, react), and that partners meet to celebrate, solve tricky parts, and do things for each other. Students jotted down on sticky notes while they read inde-

pendently, then shared their jots with their partners. This gets students talking about their books.

In math, students are learning that digits have a place and a value (place is where it is, value is how much it's worth). They created artwork using base-10 blocks, then had to count up the number of ones, tens and hundreds to find the value of their animal.

Math homework will be coming home every Wednesday. So the homework schedule is as follows:

Monday: Word Work Sent Home

Wednesday: Math

Daily: Reading Logs

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Special Dates to Remember:

- ☺ Oct. 1—Student Count Day
- ☺ Oct. 6—Picture Day @ 9:30
- ☺ Oct. 9—Fire Safety Assembly
- ☺ Oct. 10—Healthy Eating Lessons Begin
- ☺ Oct. 31—Half Day—parties in AM

Other News

Please remember to keep your child's reading log in their Daily folders. The folders will go back and forth each day so students can bring home new books.

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.
