

Parsons' Press

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Tasty Tuesday ... Avacado

Did you know that guacamole is made from avocado? Well that's something we learned this week. Although my friends were not a huge fan of plain avocado, many of them learned that they need it to make guacamole ☺ So we tried it anyhow and even learned that it has 40% of your daily fiber and 24% of your daily Vitamin C. Hmm...maybe this will become an acquired taste.

November Snacks

I just wanted to send out a quick reminder to please make sure to send in your November snacks as soon as you get them. Our cupboard is nearly empty so any and all donations would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!



BINGO Ice Cream Social

On November 6th at 6pm, Riverside PTA will be hosting their annual Bingo Ice Cream Social. Please come join us for this fun family event. There are some really awesome prizes, really great toppings for ice cream and it is a blast!

Upcoming Events

Nov. 2nd - Picture Retakes/Original Works go home

Nov. 2nd - 6th - Left Over Candy Drive

November 6th - Ice Cream Bingo Social 6pm and Book Fair, 4-8pm in the library

November 9th - Original Works due back

Crayon Drive until December 10th

Don't Forget to FALL Back



I just wanted to put in a reminder that this weekend, on Sunday morning at 2am, we need to set our clocks back one hour. I usually do it before I go to bed on Saturday so I don't forget. But however you decide to set your clocks back, I just wanted to remind you so you don't show up to school too early on ☺

Do you think you will have any left-over candy? Want to donate it?



The week following Halloween November 2nd to 6th, we will be holding a "Left Over Candy" drive. As an act of kindness accompanied with a sweet treat, all "left-over" candy will be packaged and distributed to veterans at the VA Hospital. All donated candy must be unopened and wrapped in its' original packaging/wrapping. There will be a collection box in the office the entire week for any and all donated candy. Thank you in advance for all donations.

Crayon Drive

Help make a child's hospital stay easier. Donate crayons and other art supplies to be handed out to children in local hospitals ...

- Crayons, markers and colored pencils
- Coloring books and drawing pads
- Monetary donations

Drop off donations to the basket by the Art office (Rm 8), the office or bring donations to the PTA ice cream social on November 6. **We will be collecting until December. 10.** All donations will be given to the Crayons 4 Kids charity.



What's New in Reading?

This week we continued noticing the different character traits authors include in their stories. Many times while we are reading, we zoom past these traits and don't realize why the character may or may not be acting the way we think they should. Therefore we practiced all week by asking and answering questions relevant to the main character. Here is how you can help support this reading strategy at home:

1. Find a quiet, comfortable area to read.
2. Find a book of your child's interest. We have been looking at the cover and the first few pages to determine if it is of interest.
3. Have your child read the book to you (so you can help them if they get stuck with the questions below), making sure they think about the strategies to help them read with fluency and accuracy.
4. Then ask them the following questions:

***If you had to describe the main character, how would you describe them? What character traits did you notice they had?**

Thinking of the main character, students should be able to describe their personality using such words as courageous, determined, proud, accomplished, etc. We are trying to stay away from the common traits such as happy and sad

***Why do you feel the character's personality was portrayed in that way?**

Using the description of the main character, students should be able to describe why they feel the character portrayed those traits

5. Try to help your child understand this strategy, as it will help them further their understandings ©

Social Studies

This week we have started to learn about our local government. We began by talking about our 3 branches of government right here in Battle Creek. We even created a song to help us remember them:



Executive - Mayor - Enforces the laws
Judicial - Judge - Interprets the laws
Legislative - City Council - Makes the laws

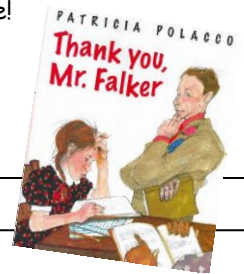
Of course the students love to sing this with our hand movements that go along with it. You should ask them to sing it for you...they make it sound much better than I ever could!

Radical Recent Read Alouds

Here are some recent books we have read in class that are all by the author Patricia Polacco! You and your family could check them out from the local library and enjoy them just as much at home!

Thank you Mr. Faulker

Thunder Cake

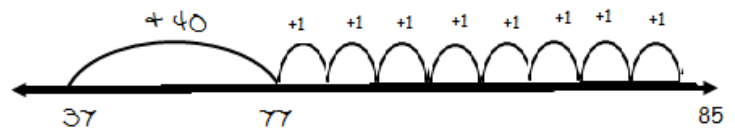


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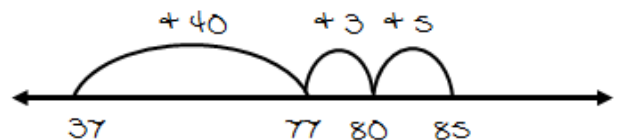
In second grade we are really trying to steer away from using our fingers to help us count. Instead we are introducing a variety of strategies that students can use, incorporating their knowledge of place value.

Therefore this week we focused our attention on using place value to help us add on a number line. For example, if the problem was $37 + 48$, you could use the number line in the following ways:

Adding all the tens, then all the ones individually



Adding all the tens, then the ones in groups to get to a decade number, such as 80



We will continue to practice this but this is definitely a way students could add on their homework to practice!

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