



Ms. Norenberg's Classroom News

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Reminders

Recess has been chilly lately. Please make sure that your student is bringing adequate warm gear to wear outside. Recess is not fun when you are cold!

Snacks

Thank you so much for all the donations of snacks throughout the year. They are much appreciated. We are always in need of class snacks for the kids in the afternoons. Things like pretzels, crackers, popcorn, dry cereal, and cheese puffs are easy to store and go a long way. Thanks to all for your generosity to our class.

Thanks for Coming!

It was wonderful seeing so many of you at conferences and volunteering in the school this month. Please continue to let me know if you have any questions or would like to come spend some time with us in class.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

In October, we did three units of study that included reading, writing, science, social studies, art, and even some math!

First, we studied spiders. We read some non-fiction literature and wrote spider reports. We also read some fiction about the legendary African spider, Anansi. This helped us work on the reading skills of story elements and problem/solution. For math, we did a little repeated addition and multiplication with spider legs.

Our next unit of study was on candy corn. We studied the history and read all about how it is made. We used our five senses to observe candy corn and then came up with similes to describe it. After a taste test, students wrote opinion pieces. October 30th was National Candy Corn day so we did math centers using this scrumptious treat that day. We graphed it, made arrays, did some measuring with it, and used it for skip counting.

The last unit we did was on the skeletal system. Students learned the importance of their skeleton and some of the different bones in their bodies. We read some non-fiction about the skeletal system and practiced using diagrams to help with comprehension. We also read a funny fiction book called Skeleton Hiccups, which reinforced story elements and problem/solution. Students ended the unit making a model of a Skelton and labeling the different bones.

In math, second graders have been working on skip counting by 2's, 5's and 10's and even and odd numbers. Third graders have been working on subtraction with regrouping.