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Week of November 7th



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Dear families,

Over the past few weeks we enjoyed the excitement of Halloween, connecting at conferences, playing at recess in summer-like weather, discussing the importance of Election Day, and honoring our Veterans.

The students have shown growth in their academic skills as well as their social connections. This week we discussed a lot about what gratitude means and ways to show it. We learned that gratitude is learned and needs to be practiced. So, that's our goal! How can we practice gratitude more in our lives? Students wrote about gratitude and have invited the school community to share their thoughts and feelings on our third grade bulletin board. When you get a chance, I encourage you to discuss this topic more at home and share what gratitude means to you and your family.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Curricular Highlights

Language Arts

- Long vowel i patterns:
 - i as in kind, mild, sign
 - igh as in bright, sight, sigh
- What are homophones?
 - Words that sound the same but are spelled differently and have a different meaning. Such as night/knight, hi/high, mite/might
- Identifying base words
 - blinding (blind + ing) = base word blind
- Antonyms - opposites

Readers Workshop

- Created our binder
- We started our first book
 - Afternoon on the Amazon - Magic Tree House Series
- Answered comprehension questions
- Explored a few rainforest animals

Writers Workshop

- Wrote a paragraph about gratitude



World Studies

- Small groups chose a picture book with a traveling theme
- After buddy reading each group described the main elements of the story: title, characters, setting, plot, problem, and solution
- Each group will create a final project based on their book (mobile, diorama, poster)

Math

- Started the next chapter focusing on subtraction
- Mental subtraction
 - Using number bonds to pull out each place value
- IXL and Xtramath
- Students played fun math games with AJ and Charlie

Food Drive

HUNGER HEROES: Support the United Way of New Bedford

Items Needed:

Canned Vegetables, Cornbread Mix, Cranberry Sauce, Gravy, Instant Mashed Potatoes, and Stuffing

Collected until November 14th



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