First Grade

Weekly Wrap Up

June 1, 2017

First Grade had a short, but busy week! We returned to school on Tuesday and wrote a narrative about our long weekends. We enjoyed reading them to the class so that we could share all the fun activities that we engaged in! We also enjoyed time on the Chrome books! We are getting so proficient at knowing how to handle them; how to open them up and log on to various web sites to help us engage in learning games. We enjoyed turtlediary.com again, and a Math Game that helped us review our addition skills and then a Typing Game that helped us learn how to navigate the keyboard!

We are enjoying our last module in Math, learning lots more about shapes this week! We especially enjoyed a scavenger hunt around our classroom to find objects that are 3 dimensional such as a rectangular prism, sphere, cube, cylinder and cone! Then, we enjoyed engaging in the same activity at home for homework! We learned some new vocabulary such as rhombus and learned that a square is also a rhombus since a rhombus is a closed shape with 4 equal sides! We also learned that on the 3 dimensional shapes each side is called a face! We did great with learning how to tell time to the o’clock and half hour! We also learned a special way to draw a traditional clock and draw the small hand (the hour) and the longer hand (the minute) to show o’clock and 30 minutes past or half past!

We also engaged in a three- day addition and subtraction fluency test! We are very proud of our efforts to show that we are proficient in addition and subtraction facts to 10! This will help us “use what we know” as we work with larger numbers in Second Grade too!

We enjoyed the last of our “How To” projects this week! We learned how to make and do so many amazing things from our classmates, such as how to make play dough, cloud dough, chocolate milk, lemonade, fruity drink, pizza, cake pops, build with legos, plant seeds, draw, make a paper snowman and make and play a tic-tac toe game! It was such a great experience to build oral speaking skills as well as self- esteem!

We enjoyed another story in our readers, The Stone Garden, a realistic fiction story. It was the perfect story to read for this time of the year when gardens are blooming. The clever character had an interesting way to get all her neighbors interested in planning a garden. Ask us to retell the story to you! Speaking of retell, our LAST LIST OF SPELLING WORDS were words with the prefixes re and un! We learned that re means again, so all the base words that they are attached to means it will be done again! Un means not so all the base words attached to it means that something will not happen or be done!

We also worked on our last Benchmark Reading Test of the year!

We are working on competing our Science workbooks and will continue to do so next week as we use prior knowledge and new knowledge to share information about living things, non living things and plants!

We ended our month of honoring Mary by reciting a decade of the rosary each morning, with the statue of Mary at Religion Center. We learned about the Joyful Mysteries, Sorrowful Mysteries and Glorious Mysteries of Mary too! Mrs. Colombo now has returned Mary to her spot above Math Center where we will pray a Hail Mary to her everyday as usual!

We will continued to work on our First Grade Memory Books and will do so next week as well! It’s so much fun to focus on happy times we had this year and all we have learned!

Next week is our last full week of instruction in First Grade! Lots of review will take place during the school day in a variety of ways!

**Homework is ended for the year, as an end of the year gift to all the hard working First Graders!**

**A “Special Days In June Schedule” detailing some fun activities for our final days together, will come home early next week!**

Have a great weekend!