Discovery Elementary



Bee News: Fourth Grade News



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Curriculum Corner

In math, we worked on module I. In this module students are working with place value, rounding, multi-digit addition, and multi-digit subtraction. This week we learned more about place value. We also learned to compare numbers using <, >, or =. Lastly, we did some addition and subtraction using the place value chart. Math homework was optional this week but it will be required starting next week (9/11 to 9/15). Furthermore, we will be doing the Mid-Mod I Assessment on Thursday (9/14) next week.

In reading, we started unit I. We are reading a book called *The Tiger Rising* to guide instruction during this unit. This week we read and discussed the first couple chapters of the book. Additionally, this week we talked about just-right books and reflected on ways we can be successful readers in fourth grade. <u>We</u> have our first I-Ready Reading Diagnostic next Tuesday (9/12).

In writing, we officially launched our opinion writing unit this week. Students practiced forming opinions in writing by participating in free writes. Additionally, students learned about the structure of an opinion essay and helped me write a mentor text about raspberries. Students also brainstormed ideas for their own opinion writing. Lastly, students practiced writing a thesis, selecting reasons for body paragraphs, and using evidence to support their reasons.

We started our first social studies unit about Washington's Earliest Times this week. Students learned about Native American tribes in Washington.

We are doing social emotional learning (SEL) every Wednesday. This Wednesday we learned all about the listening with attention. Dear Parents,

Happy Friday! We completed the second week of the school year! I am SUPER proud of this group of students for working hard all week long. This week we did so many AMAZING things! We took a deeper dive into our math curriculum, students started the first reading AND writing unit, students attended our first in-person assembly this year, students started jobs/training for jobs (classroom economy), and we achieve our Eagle Token goal. Make sure to chat with your student about this AMAZING week!

It was such a pleasure getting to see all of you in person during curriculum night! My Power Point from curriculum night is on my classroom website: <u>http://</u> <u>peterbesbeas.weebly.com/</u>— Please feel free to send me an email with any questions you have about the school year. If you missed curriculum night — please checkout the Power Point and let me know if you have any questions.

This week we had our first Classroom Job Ceremony. Students had their new jobs announced and the class clapped and acknowledged the students new AMAZING jobs! We will be changing jobs two more times this year (Fall/Winter/Spring). Students will have three jobs throughout the year.

We officially start Friday Folders next week. This means that math homework will be required. I score homework based on completion. Students that are missing homework by Friday need to go to the work room during Finish Friday to makeup the work.

I hope you all have an amazing weekend! Please let me know if you have any questions about the school year.

Thanks,

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