

Payton's Place for Classroom News

March 9, 2018

This Week in Our Classroom:

We have been learning about the phases of the moon, the stars and constellations. If you have an opportunity, please spend some time looking up at the night sky and wonder along with your child about what you see. Can you find the big dipper, Orion, the bull, the dog? Ask your child what they know about the stars. We will be visiting the Star Lab on March 20th which will allow the students see many of the constellations. We will need exceptional behavior to use the Star Lab. This also would be a good opportunity to reinforce with your child expected behavior inside the classroom, the restrooms, the lunchroom and at recess. With the approach of spring and our break, I am seeing more "silly" and unexpected behaviors in the classroom. Thanks!

Have a great weekend!



Benjamin March 4th

Upcoming Dates & Events:

March 12 - Pajama Day
March 15 - FSP Around the World @ Hickory Creek
March 15 - Athletic Hot Lunch
March 15 - Wear Green
March 16 - \$1 Popsicle Day
March 16 - Lunch Switch 11:45
March 16 - LWSRA Basketball Assembly



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Our Learning This Week:

Reading: We read the stories Jack and the Beanstalk and Kate and the Beanstalk. We made a "T" chart and compared the two stories to find the similarities and differences. We also looked at some of the text used in the story and discussed who was doing the speaking in that part of the text. The students became "text detectives."

Writing: The students are now writing book reviews. Many of them have already completed two or more reviews this week. We will continue this type of opinion writing through next week and then we will have a celebration with the other 1st grade green classrooms.

Math: The students learned how to draw a tape diagram this week. This drawing requires the students to be organized in their thinking and drawing. We are stressing the importance of labeling their drawings so that they can easily retell the word problems just by reading their drawing. We are also continuing to work with place value charts to compare 2 digit numbers.

3rd Quarter Sight Words: some - your - get - may - now - up - not - do - so

Practicing Math Fluency: Time your child. See how many addition flash cards they can answer accurately in 1 minute. Challenge him/her to try and increase that number.