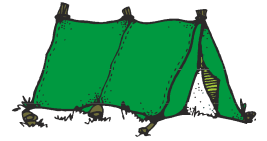


CAMP LEARN-A-LOT



Mrs. Drannon's Almost Weekly Newsletter

September 21, 2009

THANK YOU!

My students and I are fortunate to work with our wonderful parent helpers. **Mrs. McDonald**, a grandmother from Mrs. Zalewski's class comes every Tuesday to work with my students and do prep work. **Mrs. Geronimo** (Andres' mom) has spent time reading with children, prepping work, and painting with the children. **Mr. and Mrs. Lomayesva** (Temyal's parents) are my flexible helpers who take on challenges each Wednesday. **Mr. Rivera** (Alex's dad) came by for a visit and ended up working with the children to clean our garden boxes.

Anytime you have a free hour or more stop by to:

- Listen to children read
- Practice Dolch words
- Help finish seat work
- Help with homework
- Cut, staple, glue
- Xerox papers

MATH:

Understanding Addition and Subtraction is our new unit of study. Children are **EXPECTED** to commit to memory the addition and related subtraction facts to sums of 6 by the end of the trimester (November 13). Each evening, review a few math facts in the **NUMBER FAMILIES** booklet to support your child's efforts in class. Daily timed tests will begin on November 1. Each timed test has 20 problems to be completed in 2 minutes.



GARDEN

On Friday, September 18, the students and I ventured into our school's garden. Our garden box was filled with spent wildflowers and weeds. **Mr. Rivera** and the students spent more than an hour cleaning out our garden box. This Friday at 10:00 AM I plan to take children out to the garden to plant tulip bulbs and winter vegetables. Feel free to join us.

THEME

FARMERS FEED US is our next Social Studies unit. Students will discover the important role that farmers play in supplying the world with food. The activities in this unit explain how food is produced on various kinds of farms and arrive at our homes. During your next visit to the **Temecula Public Library** look for the following theme titles:

- All Kinds of Farms** by Ann Hansen
- Farming** by Gail Gibbons
- Farm Machinery** by Ann Hansen
- I Can Be a Farmer** by Kathy Henderson
- If It Weren't For Farmers** by Allan Fowler
- Look Inside a Farm** by Alexandra Fisher
- Milk: From Cow to Carton** by Alike

Save the Date



CONGRATULATIONS

The following children reached important milestones:

100 Club

(Write numbers from 1-100 in 15 minutes)

Makana Abby Trevor
Hailee Andres

200 Club

(Write numbers from 101-200 in 15 minutes)

Makana

300 Club

(Write numbers from 201-300 in 15 minutes)

Makana

Mastered 220 Dolch Words

(11 Lists)

Makana Abby Maria

Pride of the Lions

Hailee Makana Abby

FAST Awards

(Daily running program)

25 miles

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The Reader's Theater presentation of The Magic Vine is the culmination of our Social Studies unit *FARMERS FEED US*.

READING

During the next few weeks, we will be enjoying the theme *Surprise!* As we read, we will discover that things do not always turn out the way we expect. We'll learn about some of the surprising ways that people help others, too.

During your next visit to the **Temecula Public Library** look for the following titles to support our Reading Theme:

A Birthday Basket for Tia by Pat Mora.

Mouse Mess by Linnea Asplind Riley.

Mr. Rabbit and the Lovely Present by Charlotte Zolotow.

Hop, Skip, Run by Marcia Leonard

The Napping House by Audrey Wood.

Possum's Harvest Moon by Anne Hunter.