



News From Mrs. Battles' Class May 3, 2016



Here's what we've been working on!

Reading/Language Arts- In April, we enjoyed the story Flat Stanley. We used context clues to help with many new and interesting words. We love playing "heads up" to give hints and definitions. We also practiced making inferences as we read each chapter. We know good readers use what they read and know about life to infer what is happening in a story. We summarized, sequenced events, and learned how to address envelopes. We practiced reading fluently by looking at quotes and reading like the character. We finished our classroom work with Flat Stanley, however, we continue to learn about our world through map skills. We look forward to the return of Stanley and projects coming from places all over the U.S.A and other countries. Projects are due on Friday, May 6.

We then moved onto a unit about point of view of characters with the books The Pain and the Great One and Two Bad Ants. We also compared traditional versions of fairy tales with humorous versions such as Goldilocks Rocks, The True Story of the Three Little Pigs, and Cinderella Is So Annoying. Students chose a side, took a stance, and gave reasons for their point of view or that of a main character. We had a lot of fun with this literature. These experiences help to strengthen writing skills.

Math- We had our Unit 5 assessment last week. In this unit, students learned to tell time to 5-minute intervals, how to analyze data, create tables, picture graphs, and bar graphs and then solve problems based on the information. Please sign and have your child return these assessments that were returned today.

We are moving onto unit 6 which deals with 3-digit addition and subtraction.

Social Studies- We are learning about the seven continents and the USA with our Map Skills packets.

Science- We are patiently waiting for our butterfly eggs to arrive on Wednesday! We can't wait to observe and learn about the life cycle from egg, to larva, to pupa, to adult butterfly!

Other News and Reminders

- Please continue to study basic addition and subtraction facts at home. Many children are still using their fingers and number lines. Help with counting coins and time telling is beneficial too.
- Happy April birthday to Jing Xi, Avery, Yahya, and Sophie!
- We really enjoyed the sixth grade play "Treasure Island" on April 12.
- I hope you all enjoyed the spring vacation. We are in the home stretch! 30 more days.
- Tuesday, May 17 is Field Day from 9:00-11:00. Join us if you can!
- Wednesday, May 18 is a minimum day for students.
- Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns. kbattles@orange-ed.org.