



Ms. DeLaMatter's First Grade Newsletter

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ELA/Language Workshop

We finished our unit on problem solving. Our new unit is 'Investigation'. During this unit we will be using many nonfiction books and will be learning how to use nonfiction text features.

We started the unit by reading two stories about two scientists. One was fiction and the other was a biography. Afterwards, the students worked on the skill of comparing and contrasting the books.

ELA/Reading Workshop

We started our Investigation unit by looking at fiction and nonfiction books to see the similarities and differences.

We also compared and contrasted realistic fiction and fantasy.

ELA/Writing Workshop

We have finished our units on writing personal narratives. Our new unit is writing nonfiction and how to teach someone about something through writing. Right now the students are working on writing about the moon.

The students were so excited to bring home their writing pieces. They have made such growth since the beginning of the year!

Now that we are finished with the first trimester of first grade the students know the expectations for writing are to write on the line, use finger spaces, form the letters correctly, and use punctuation.

WORD WORK

The students have been working on:

- *The short o sound
- *ock (clock, stock, block)
- *ick (stick, brick lick)
- *ill (still, drill, skill)
- *all (fall, small, stall)
- *R blends (broom, crown, price, train)

SOCIAL STUDIES

Our unit for the month is understanding financial choices. The students learned about needs and wants. Now we are learning about goods and services. Please talk with your child about your family budget and how your family determines what to buy.

I can't believe it is already December and the first trimester is finished. It is amazing to see how much the children have grown in their reading and writing! They have also become more independent and can do so much on their own! Thank you for all of your hard work helping them to become great first graders!

Now that winter weather is here, please make sure your child's name is on their snow pants and in their boots. Please dress your child assuming we will be going outside every day.



I will be starting a Reading Volunteer sign up after winter break. Remember - anyone who volunteers **MUST** have a background check. The information can be found on the district website.



Sharing our writing

