



Ms. De La Matter's First Grade Newsletter November 8, 2018

ELA/Language Workshop

The students have been learning how to create deep discussions to analyze books through using Talk Moves. Some Talk Moves we use are: I think ____ because ____, I agree with ____ because ____, I respectfully disagree because ____, I want to add on ____.

We have also been learning how to describe a character by looking at evidence from the text. You can do this at home when your child is reading.

ELA/Reading Workshop

The students have been working on using strategies to help them figure out words when they are reading.

Crispy Pointing - Pointing to each word

Eagle Eye - Look at the picture

Lips the Fish - Say the first sounds of the word. (Get your mouth ready)

Stretchy Snake - Stretch the word out slowly

Chunky Monkey - Look for a chunk or small word (ack, ing, at, sh, etc.)

Does this make sense? - Does this look right, sound right, make sense?

ELA/Writing Workshop

The students have really been busy in the last month. They have been working on a good beginning by describing who, what, where, and when.

They have also been working on adding details to their writing pieces by writing what their favorite thing was about the experience, writing how they felt, using 'because', and rereading their writing piece.

Right now we are working on writing personal narratives. Some of the stories are about pets running away, getting lost, a time they were hurt, and going on vacation.

You can help your child to get ready to write these types of stories by talking at home about things that have happened. When they come to school they will already have an idea and details for their writing piece.

WORD WORK/GRAMMAR

We have been working on short i and short e word families and digraphs. Your child should be able to read and write using these:

*sh, th, ch, wh
*ing (sting, ring, playing)

We have learned that a noun is a person, place, or thing, and proper nouns are capitalized.

The students have also been working on identifying and using adjectives (describing words).

SCIENCE

The students are really enjoying learning how Earth's relationship with the sun, moon, and stars create patterns. Thank you for working with your child to observe the sky each night. The students are always excited to share what they have seen.

I really enjoyed talking with all of you at conferences. The students have made so many gains since the beginning of the year. Reading is really starting to click for many of the students. It was wonderful hearing how many children love to read at home.

Please work with your child to learn to tie shoes.



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Partner Reading



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