



Miss Johnson

SECOND GRADE SCOOP



Room 6

November 6, 2008

Week at a Glance:

Grammar--This week we reviewed grammar topics from the past weeks. We learned how to add endings onto verbs (-s, -ed, -ing) and studied a few rulebreakers.

Math--We worked on subtracting three digit numbers with regrouping. We are using Base Ten blocks to help us visualize why we need to regroup. This continues to be a tricky concept. Extra practice at home is recommended!!

Step Up to Writing--It's the time of year when families get together for the holidays. It is also a time to reflect on the things we are most grateful for, like our families and friends. The students chose to write about what they are most thankful for, using the Step Up to Writing process. We used a T-chart to plan and organize our thoughts and explored different styles of topic and concluding sentences.

We have learned about 4 different types of topic and concluding sentences. A Statement expresses a thought, feeling or hope. A Question/Answer topic sentence begins with a *question* about the topic to get the reader's attention, and is followed by a *response*. A Number Statement defines the amount of main points that will be discussed. Finally the Situation/Stance gives an opinion and is expressed with a clause. All four types of topic and concluding sentences are very complex to master, but we are well on our way!!

Literature--We have read several chapters in our next literature book, The Magic Treehouse: Thanksgiving on Thursday. The students are writing summaries of each chapter and learning many new facts about the first Thanksgiving.

"Jack and Annie travel in their magic tree house to the year 1621, where they celebrate the first Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims and Wampanoag Indians in the New Plymouth Colony. There they meet the Pilgrims as well as Squanto, a Native American who helped them. The story offers an age-appropriate, in-depth picture of what life was really like for early settlers." (amazon.com).

Science--This week, we had our second lesson from the Living Classroom. In our first lesson, we had extracted tomato seeds from two varieties of tomato. The seeds have been growing mold and fungus this past week, which helped us remove the gooey exterior around the seed. In this lesson, we learned about good and bad kinds of fungi. We cleaned our seeds and laid them out to dry!

Social Studies--We had a great discussion this week about the elections, and I am impressed at much the students knew about the different candidates. This was a great first discussion into our next social studies unit on "Government." In this unit, we will cover the three branches of government, how a bill becomes a law, and the students will be creating their own mock countries to run. Should be fun!

Dates To Remember--

No school--Monday, November 10th

Veteran's Day/No school--Tuesday, November 11th

Report Cards--Friday, November 21st

Parent/Teacher Conferences--November 24th and 25th

Have a great LONG weekend!

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