



## The First Grade Forecast



I was so happy to see many students at the fun fair on Saturday. It appeared that they had a wonderful time. My family had a wonderful time as well. Last week our classroom newsletter neglected to include how much our class contributed to Pennies for Peace. I apologize for the error. The total was \$5.84. Thanks for all your support. Here is what we have been doing this week.

Students continued to work independently on skills this week while I continued assessing student reading growth. This is a lengthy process because so many students have made such great strides in reading. We will resume centers next week. This week students worked on l blends, digraphs (ch, sh, th, wh), sentence structure and comprehension, and writing conventions.

Our word of the week was peered. Students have discussed the meaning of the word peered. Students did a writing activity where they peered out of the window and described what they saw. The word peered has been added to our vocabulary notebooks.

In Math we wrapped up our unit on time. We will continue to touch back on time to the half hour periodically for the rest of the year as this task was still confusing for some. We moved onto learning about numbers to 100. We

have discussed making numbers with tens and ones. We have learned that numbers have their own place. In this unit we will talk about using hundred charts, skip counting, and number patterns.

During science this week we learned about the Antarctic and oceans. We determined what animals would be found in the Arctic, Antarctic, and oceans. We learned that the Antarctic is the coldest place on Earth and only has a few weeks of summer. We learned that you would find Orca whales and King penguins there. We have wrapped up this unit and will begin learning about our past presidents Abraham Lincoln and George Washington next week.

The students received five new Dolch words to add to their word bag. Please be sure to practice these words each night.

Enjoy the weekend! 😊

Warmly,

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 14- Valentine Party- 12:30

Feb. 17- Early Release- 12:30

Feb. 17- End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester

Feb. 20- No School- Presidents Day

