

Mrs. Mello's 4th Grade

November 7, 2008

Although this week was short in regard to the amount of time we had in school a lot of great work was done by the students! Our biggest accomplishment this week as a class was winning the Student Council Food Drive. Our class collected the most cans at 196, so we went to the Food Pantry in Vineyard Haven to deliver all of the collected items. The children really felt a sense of importance and satisfaction for doing such a good deed. Thank you for all of your support!!!

In Reading, this week we kicked off Literacy Blocks. This is a new structure to our Wonderful Words and Reader's Workshop blocks. During this block of time, the students are working on reading, spelling, vocabulary or grammar in small focused groups. The main story each group was working on this week was Akiak. We will complete reading and discussing this story next week.

In our Writer's Workshop, we had several mini-lessons on how to write quotations and how using dialogue improves our writing. Everyone continues to work on seed stories and write/edit/revise final drafts.

In Math, we completed chapter 1 and had a Unit Test. We began Chapter 2 on Geometry with a review of the following math terms and concepts: congruent, similar, reflection, lines, line segments, rays, angles, intersecting lines, perpendicular lines, parallel lines and right angles. Everyone demonstrated a solid understanding of these terms. We will continue on with this Geometry Chapter next week.

Everyone is also working on their Filmstrip Book Report. The goal for completion on these is Friday, so you might see them coming home for homework next week.

Reminders:

Scholastic Book Fair is happening now in the Library!!

Parent-teacher Conferences are on Wednesday, November 12th. These are 1/2 days for the students with a 12:00 Dismissal.

Veteran's Day- No School-Tuesday, November 11th.

***It is very important that your child continue to review and work towards rapid memorization of their multiplication and division facts.