

First Grade News

Monday, January 23, 2011

We had a great trip to the Martha's Vineyard Historical Museum last Friday. The students used their improving observational skills to look at antique farm tools. Students had to look for clues and make predictions as to what the tool was used for on the farm. We hope to do some comparing and contrasting of modern day tools as we visit more farms.

We will be looking at a story about different maps. The students seem to really enjoy this story and we will be making our own attempt at drawing a map of our own bedrooms. If you have the opportunity talk to your child and share how you have used maps in your life. You could also help your child really look at the details in his/her own bedroom to help them remember what their room looks like. Have fun.

- ***Phonemic Awareness:** Counting phonemes in words
- ***Phonics:** final endings with nd, ng, nk, and magic e words
- ***Comprehension:** Compare and contrast; Question
- ***Vocabulary:** Map words
- ***Fluency:** decodable text

Spelling List

We will be doing some in class review of words. No special spelling homework this week.

Math

We will continue to work on mixed addition problems with tens and ones. Practicing counting on from a double digit number will also be a focus. We should get close to the end of this unit at which time we will embark on a review of skills.

Homework

I want to thank parents for their help with the homework and continue to encourage you to stick with it. In the past few weeks some of the bag books are not being returned and therefore new ones are not being sent home. It is very important to return these books on Mondays and to continue to encourage your first grader to practice reading these books at home. Your encouragement and persistence sends the message of the importance of reading and of practicing the skill. Thank you in advance for

all your help. Together our efforts will help your child be the best that he/she can be.

Reminders

- *Bag Books to be returned on **Mondays**.
- ****Remember to practice reading bag books and fluency stories**
- *Sneakers required on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**.
- *Library books to be returned on **Wednesdays**.
- *Return reading homework paper on **Friday**.

Have fun and thank you in advance for your support.