

1-DG Update

March 28, 2024

Reminders:

April 2 and 3: Spring conferences

April 8: Eclipse event

April 15-19: April vacation

Highlights of our week

-This week we learned about words containing oo, such as toothbrush, moo, and balloon. Next week we will be focusing on words with oo, such as book. To help us remember the two sounds that oo can make, we visualize a ghost that says: Boo! and another ghost reading a book.

-We learned the poem "Moonlight."

-In *Foundations* we continued our work with words with the vowel-consonant-e syllable type.

-In reading workshop, we learned how to solve big words quickly by looking for parts of the word we already know (e.g. and, stand, landing, grandma). We focused on reading words that end in -le (turtle, wiggle, twinkle, nimble, etc.). Finally, we focused on reading like star! We practiced fluent, expressive reading. Each first grader was assigned a book on Seesaw. After they practiced reading the book, they used the microphone feature to record themselves reading the book like a star!

-In writing workshop, we wrote opinion pieces about our favorite foods and restaurants. We read a review of The Linden Store as a model. We practiced writing questions to hook our readers. We learned that when writing opinion pieces, we should expect some people to disagree with us. In anticipation of this, we learned how to write sentences such as "Some people think _____ but I think _____."

-In math we worked on comparison problems with an unknown bigger amount (e.g. *3 students like music. 4 more students like gym than music. How many students like gym?*) and an unknown smaller amount (e.g. *7 students like the slide. 2 fewer students like the swings than the slide. How many students like the swings?*).

-In science we learned about the function of roots (hold the plant in place and suck up water and nutrients from the soil). We conducted a "walking water" experiment (see google photo folder) to observe how water can move up through roots and stems. We observed our growing "lawns" then we "mowed" our lawns and made predictions about how our lawns will change in the coming weeks.

-On Wednesday morning, Vahideh Nilforoshan came in to teach the class about Ramadan and Eid. She read the books Under the Ramadan Moon, by Sylvia Whitman; Moon's Ramadan, by Natasha Khan Kazi; and It's Ramadan, Curious George, by H. A. Rey. She gave each first grader a lantern craft! Thank you!

-Please let me know if your child will be missing any school days before or after April vacation. Thank you!

-Dara Gaul