



CLASS NEWS

An Update From Our Classroom

Week of 10/16-10/20

Reading

This week we began a new unit. Unit 2 focuses on informational texts and how living things grow and change. This week we read *The Life Cycle of a Frog* and talked about the main idea of the text. We reviewed consonant blends. Our word wall words were help, little, come, my and saw.

Writing

This week we reviewed complete sentence structure and how to add details to our writing. We are continuing to work on the writing goals we have set for ourselves!

ALICE training

On Thursday we practiced what we can do if there was an intruder in the building. We used an analogy of a shepherd (teacher), sheep (the kids) and the wolf (an unsafe intruder). We practiced what to do if we need to leave the building and I showed them them 3 different places they could go to be safe. We practiced what to do if there is an intruder (wolf) close to us which included moving in a zig-zag pattern, making noises, and throwing things (from far away) as we try to get away from them. The kids did a great job taking it seriously as we did the activities.

Math

In math we this week we started Module 2. Module 2 begins with focusing on subtraction. We have used various strategies to subtract and we distinguished between addition and subtraction sentences.

Ask your child why "zero is our hero" when we add and subtract. Math centers are going great! I am able to meet with your child in a small group each day and they also do STMath, math activities individually or in a group, and hands-on activities.

Social Science

This week we practiced giving directions with various types of maps and enjoyed making our own town and giving directions.

Notes from Room 403:

- Halloween is coming up! Our party will be from 10:45-12:15 on Halloween. If you'd like to attend please let me know.
- Please have your child bring a water bottle to school each day. They can keep it at their desk. This saves multiple trips to the water fountain.