

DCS 1st Grade News

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Special Upcoming Dates:

- Late Start
Dec. 7 & Jan. 18th
- Early Release
Nov. 23rd & Dec. 23rd
- No School
Dec. 24-Jan. 1st
- Overture Brown Bear
January 13th
- DCS Winter Fun Day
January 28th 1pm
Astico Park



Star Student of the Week

Caden 10/31
Cameron 11/7
Dexter 11/14
Gavin 11/28
Grady 12/5
Isabell 12/12
Skarlett 12/19

We are continue working on the Daily Five every day: listening to reading, reading to someone, working with words, writing, and read to self. We are also working on how to meet with me at the reading table and concentrate on the lesson. Each reading group comes up for about 15-20 minutes at the reading table. We work on a picture walk, word work, writing, and a discussion about the story. A reminder, please send back their reading bags every night. I only have enough books for that group and otherwise they won't have a book to use when we meet the next day. I will send home their books for two nights of reading for each book. Please sign the log in their reading bag. Thank you, it is appreciated.

In science, we had a chance to learn how to make applesauce. We had an awesome time learning how to peel the apples with an apple peeler that mounted to the counter. The peel comes off in ribbons. We used a Nesco to cook the apples down and then we mashed them to make applesauce! Students had a great time with their pumpkin investigations last week. We introduced adjectives and brain stormed about words to describe pumpkins using our observation skills: size, shape, texture, smell, color, and next week we will taste pumpkin items and roasted seeds. We wrote about our findings in our Nature Journals. We got to dissect the pumpkins after using our math skills to estimate and find the actual height, weight, girth, and seed count. We read, "How Many Seeds in a pumpkin?" to help us decide what would be the best way to count our seeds, 1's, 2's, 5's, or 10's.

In Math, we will be taking our Unit 3 test next week November 29th. Thank you for completing the homelinks and sending them back each night.

Lastly, a reminder, when your child is superstar, you are more than welcome to come in and read a book to the class and eat lunch with your superstar. If you would like to have lunch with them, please call in that morning before 9 am for the lunch count. Lunch is at 12:05. We will meet you at the office, since our specials are at that end of the building. If you have any questions, just email or send a note inside your student's red folder.

Don't forget to check out Facebook for announcements and happenings in DCS. We have posted new DCS1 photographs there.