



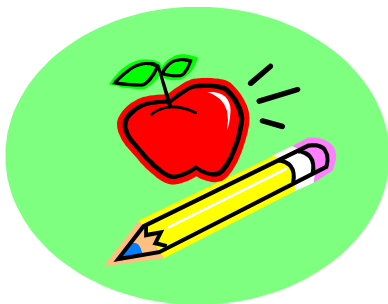
May Whitney School
October 28, 2009

Mrs. Hanley's Classroom Newsletter

At the Aquarium

Today we read a non-fiction story entitled "At the Aquarium." Students learned a fish uses its gills to breathe. We learned a fish uses its tail and fins to swim well. We learned what a porcupine fish will do when it wants to scare away its predators. Ask your child about this.

This week we are working on words with r blends. Students have to identify these special words in my morning message. Students are also learning to categorize and classify information once they read a story.



Homework

Please check the homework sheet that goes home each evening.

Writing

Students are learning order is important when we are writing. Our friend Scribbles will mix up the order of his story. The students had to make corrections for Scribbles. Students learned it helps to use a story board when you are writing. This device will help you to write a good beginning, middle and end to a story.

Math

In Chapter 3 we had the chance to use a pan balance. Students enjoyed estimating and measuring weight.

We took our Chapter 3 Math Test this week. All of the students did a wonderful job. I am very proud of them.

We have started working on Chapter 4. Students are learning to use finger sets for addition. Students also have to look at a problem and write an addition problem to go along with a picture.

Science

Students have enjoyed learning about the different seasons. Students enjoyed watching a video and seeing all of seasons unfold before their eyes. Students will be taking a season's quiz soon.

Students are looking forward to performing an experiment on our class pumpkin. I am going to surprise the kids tomorrow. You will have to ask them about the graph we make.

Halloween

Students are very excited. The big day is almost here. Each student is to bring their Halloween costume in a bag. I will help the children change into their costumes after lunch.

At 1:30 the students at May Whitney will walk in a Halloween Parade. We will be walking outside so parents are welcome to come and take pictures. After the parade students will come back to the classroom for a Halloween Party.

Reminders to Students

- **Read every night**
- Spelling test is on Friday



Reminders to Parents

Please remember your child complete their Bag Buddy. The students and I are really enjoying seeing these wonderful works of art. The class enjoys hearing about the special character from the story.

Social Studies

Students have learned about school helpers. They have listened to a teacher, principal, custodian and school secretary on tape. Students learned that each one of these special people has an important job to do.

Ask your child to tell you about this.

Upcoming Events

Thursday- October 29th – Halloween Party

Friday, October 30th- Institute Day

Monday, November 2nd- All About Carter

Thank You Students!

- To Carter for telling us about the Australian Triangle
- To Dean and Aiman for telling us about their Bag Buddy.
- To Nate and Dean for writing poetry!
- To Sammy for doing such a great job on his center work last week.