

Fifth Grade News

Ms. Marta's Fifth Grade Class
November 2009



November Birthdays!

Camila- Nov. 1st

Sebastian- Nov. 15th

We wish you both a VERY happy day!

Character Dress up Day....

A GREAT success!

We were very sorry that several of the students were not able to be there for Character Dress up Day! We missed them! The students' costumes were excellent, and we had a great time celebrating with some Mexican chow. Some of us even made a yarn doll, just like Esperanza's mom did! Please check your email for pictures from the day!

As we enter the month of November, students are enthusiastic about many of the new things we are learning and studying! In math, we are finishing our unit on Geometry, Unit 3, where we learned how to measure angles with a protractor, how to draw tessellations, and much more! We will have a test on the Unit on Tuesday, November 10th. We will be doing a lot of review in class! Our next unit will be on division. It is not a long unit, but we may take more time, in order to ensure that all the students feel comfortable dividing.

In Reading, we are about halfway through *Because of Winn Dixie*, which the students are really enjoying! Winn Dixie is a dog, who everybody loves, who happens to change the life of one little girl in a big way. We are continuing to talk about characters and character traits, and to work on making predictions and observations about what we read.

In Theme, we are studying Rocks and Minerals. The students are excited to finally be doing experiments! We have learned how to use the Scientific Method, and are practicing it with all of our experiments.

In Writing, we are finishing the Writing process with our first pieces, personal narratives, and are in the typing or editing stages of the process. Students will complete and publish their work, and then assess themselves using the 6 Traits of Writing, which we have been talking about. Then I will assess them using the same rubric.

We will probably be having a field trip this month, to visit a Geologist. Please be on the lookout for any information.

P.S. If you are not receiving the emails that I send to the parents, please write to me and let me know...

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