

Mrs. O'Hern's Classroom News

April 18, 2019



Reading

We have begun a character study in reading. This aligns to *Common Core Standard RL1.3: Describe characters settings, and major events in a story, using key details.*

We have been reading books and looking for clues to describe the character. We are looking at the way the character's feelings change throughout the story.

We have also been learning about prefixes. We learned that we add prefixes to the beginning of words to change their meanings. Examples include: happy—unhappy (not happy) read—reread (read again), school—preschool (before school), behave—misbehave (not behave)



Math

We are working on Common Core Standard NBT1.4: *Add within 100, including adding a two-digit number and a one-digit number, and adding a two-digit number and a multiple of 10*

We have been using Hansel and Gretel's path to practice counting by ones, fives and tens. Soon, we will be taking this activity and transferring it to a number line to help students add 2 digit numbers.

We are continuing to work on addition and subtraction facts. First graders should know their facts to 10 instantly. Students may need to count on or use a number line for facts to 20. In class, we practice every day with Xtra Math. This is an excellent website for fact practice at home.



Writing

In writing, we are continuing to write reviews. We are focusing on adding words to convince our readers of our opinions. We are also working on making our introductions and conclusions interesting to the reader.



Classroom Website

Please take some time to check out our first grade website: www.winnebago1stgrade.com. It is filled with important first grade information, links to websites and videos for helping your children in school.



Reminder

Students are expected to read 2 steps each night for their homework. This includes 2 steps for each day of the weekend. (8 steps this weekend) Your child's reading log should be kept in his/her reading bag every night after reading. Thank you!

Important Dates

April 19	No School
April 25	Mrs. Anderson from DuPage County Farm Bureau to visit
April 26	Brookfield Zoo Field Trip
May 1	NWEA Testing—Reading
May 6	NWEA Testing—Math
May 10	Spirit Day—Luau Day