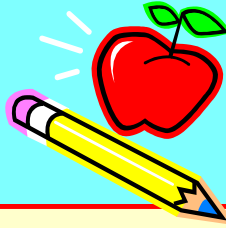




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Math

During the month of September, we focused on place value up to the millions place, ordering whole numbers, as well as decimals in math.



Science

Our science unit is great, we are just getting started on making swingers and we love every minute of it.

Social Studies

During social studies, we have begun our unit on westward expansion; who would have thought covered wagons were once our only way of transportation?

Reader and Writer's Workshop

Fifth graders are writing personal narrative stories during September. Students will be carrying their writers' notebook between home and school to collect entries about their lives. Then they will reread all their entries and select one which will function as the seed idea for the narrative they will eventually publish. They will draft and revise to their stories by mulling over the meaning they want to highlight in their story. After a second draft they will revise their stories by writing new leads or endings. The students will complete their piece by editing, working on punctuation, paragraphing and spelling. They will publish their finished pieces and have a writing celebration.

The goal for September in Reading Workshop is to bring out the uniqueness of each reader and then build upon reader's strengths and passions. We started the year by asking each student to list five beloved books he or she has read or (heard read aloud), then the students can look back on that list and think, "So what does this list of favorite books reveal about me as a reader? What do I feel passionate about as a reader?" Reading is a skill that requires practice. In every classroom, teachers spent time at the start of the year stressing the importance of stamina and encouraging students to read for longer stretches of time, both in school and at home. Every day during reading time each child needs to complete a reading log at home and in school. September is the time to teach students to help children imagine the world of the story and identify with the main character.