



MRS. WAYNE'S CLASS NEWS



Sage Canyon
Elementary

November 1, 2011

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Important Dates

Friday, November 4th
Teacher Professional Day
No Students

November 15th
Cliff Dwelling Field Trip

November 18th
Pioneer Music Assembly

November 23rd-25th
Thanksgiving Break

Math

In math we have been learning about whole number multiplication and division. We have practiced multiplying by one and two digit numbers and by dividing by one digit numbers. We began this process with manipulatives and gradually progressed to learning algorithms for solving the problems. We have also explored solving real world problems using bar models.

Please make sure that your child is practicing multiplication math facts. Having these down solid will ease the learning of new material as we move forward. Thank you.

Keeping in Touch

Please don't forget to check my website weekly for updates and homework information:

www.waynesclass.org.

And please, let me know if you ever have any questions or concerns :)

Geography

We are immersed in a geography project wherein the students are required to do research and use several types of geographic tools to answer questions about the geography of Colorado. Ask your child about the business they have created to facilitate this project. This project engages the students in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners wherein they build on others' ideas and must express their own clearly.

Literacy

Non-Fiction: In reading and writing, we are learning about non-fiction and its structure and text features. Students are learning techniques to find key ideas and summarize texts. The writing focus is on planning strategies, clearly introducing topics, stating opinions, and providing reasons that are supported by facts and details. We are working on a multi-paragraph piece for our geography project wherein students must decide on an ideal region of Colorado for a fictional business they created and support their decision with facts derived from research.

Fiction: We recently completed writing "Just So Stories". I hope you had the opportunity to look at the book the students wrote. By writing these fantasies, the students practiced skills in writing sensory details, introducing characters, and organizing an event sequence. We are currently creating book trailers of student-chosen books that encourage selecting word and phrases to precisely convey events. Also, we are reading a whole-class novel, The Secret School, in support of our study of Colorado history. Our focus in reading is on exploring theme, setting, conflict / resolution, and using context to determine word meaning. We will continue working on summarizing text.

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