

April 15, 2005

What Are Molecules Learning?

April 11 - 15, 2005

Math

- Using Tally Marks
- Subtraction Word Problems
- Counting to 100
- Time to the half hour and hour
- Counting change
- Addition story problems
- Counting backwards from 20
- Skip counting by 2's and 5's

Language

- Adding details
- High Frequency words
- Completed writing prompt about "What Happens in the Spring?"
- Ending sounds
- Blends
- Characters and setting
- Spacing between words
- Publishing writing
- Vowel sounds
- Read a loud – James and the Giant Peach
- Words families

Science:

- Illustrating parts of a plant
- Life cycle of ants
- Facts about insects

Claude Moore Farm has been re-scheduled to happen on May 5. Parents are wanted, as is \$1.00 for each student. We will leave school at 9:30 and return at 1:15. Please pack a brown bag lunch with no glass. THANKS!

School Habitat Day ASFS celebrates Schoolyard Habitat Day. Weather permitting our class will be doing various outside activities. As always, family and friends are welcome to join.

Animals: Our animal unit has officially started with a two-week study of insects. We'll be looking at ants, bees and butterflies. Talking about the similarities and differences will be our focus as well as their various coverings. Always looking for experts to come in and share their insect knowledge! Just let me know.

Special Guest: Mrs. Clark, the GRT (gifted resource teacher), visited our classroom on Monday and presented a math lesson about skip counting. Students arranged large and small tadpoles (chocolate chips) in groups of two. They first estimated how many they had and then skip counted by 2's to find the correct amount.

Popcorn Words II: In your child's Popcorn Words, be looking for the new Popcorn Word List II, many student are ready for more words. I am seeing huge growths in vocabulary and reading strategies, your support with these words has made a huge difference. Hats off to you!

Math Workshop: During Math Workshop the focus for the week is place value and understanding the ones and tens. Also continuing is addition story problems and counting backwards. All day we look at the clock, count change, count backwards and add. Thanks for continuing this at home, of course without making it look like work.

Kindergarten Bulletin Board

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