

May 6, 2005

What Are Molecules Learning?

May 2 - 6, 2005

Math

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

Language

- Handwriting
- High Frequency words
- Poetry
- Ending sounds
- Blends
- Characters and setting
- Vowel sounds
- Read a loud – James and the Giant Peach *"The cloud men are attacking the peach with hailstones as it flies through the sky!"*
- Words families \ight\ and \ick\

Science:

- Planting (labeling different parts)
- Animals (insects and reptiles)

Claude Moore Farm: The perfect weather, great parents, respectful students and a beautiful colonial farm made for wonderful fieldtrip! Thank you to all those who shared pioneer times and extended your knowledge with us. Mrs. V was missed, but our visiting teacher, Mrs. M, was a great treat. She's welcome back anytime.

Book Boxes: Students receive 2-3 new books in their book box each week. Many books are removed. Parents, please let me know with a post-it if this is a book your child would like to stay. I know there are many favorites out there!

Animals: Molecules are exploring all the animals in the animal kingdom. This week we've looked at different reptiles and what they all have in common. We've all observed and recorded how different the insect is from the reptile.

Special Jobs: Have you heard the excitement about Special Jobs and Pay Day? Students have each created a bank (yogurt containers) that will save their pay for shopping trips to the prize bag! Students will be earning pennies for a job well done! And for remembering all those important things: Popcorn Words on Wednesday, MARS books on Thursday, Friday Envelope on Monday, Word Study Books on Friday. These wonderful students are going to be rich with so much more than just pennies!

Popcorn Words II: Be looking for the new Popcorn Word List II. Many students 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!

Kindergarten Bulletin Board

5/16	Investigation Station	ALL WEEK
5/17	Principal's Chat	8:00 am
5/30	Memorial Day	NO SCHOOL
5/30	Georgiana's Birthday	ALL DAY