



BEAR ESSENTIALS

UNITY EAST
ELEMENTARY

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Dear Parents,

1B has had a better week. Thank you for talking with your child about behavior, good choices, and responsibility. ☺

This week, 1B did a much better job in centers. They worked quietly, got more work done, and had quiet transitions between centers. ☺ We started new reading groups this week and they seemed to go well. I have 6 different reading groups and can only get to 3 each day. Therefore, I will only meet with your child's reading group every other day. However, it is still very important to have your child read their book each night, ask questions about the story, setting, characters, problem, solution, etc. Asking questions about the text ensures that your child is thinking about what they are reading and making sense of it.

In math, 1B worked on counting all coin combinations-quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies. This will get easier with practice, practice, practice. 1R worked on counting nickels and pennies. We will continue to work on money next week. If you are out and about shopping with your child, have them try to count the change or ask if you have enough money to purchase certain items. If you have a change jar at home, have your child try to sort the coins, count the amount of each type of coin, or count how much change you have altogether. This is a fun and interactive way to practice money at home or when you are running errands.

For our US leaders unit, we learned about Abraham Lincoln this week. We read his biography, learned that he stored important papers in his tall black hat, and then we did a writing connection activity. We made a black hat and wrote about what we would store in our black hat. These will be on display in the hallway, if you want to check them out.

1B has really worked on writing this week and making sure we write complete sentences! We wrote about a snowy day and the activities we would do. We also talked about periods, and they are essentially, a reading stop sign. 1B spent time looking at different passages and tried to read it without periods. We learned periods are very important when we write and read. Students also were required to figure out where periods went in passage. This required them to read and re-read to make sure each sentence made sense and the "Stop Sign Period" was in the appropriate place. 1B will continue work on complete sentences next week.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Bear

WORD WALL WORDS FOR NEXT WEEK

- ☺ thing
- ☺ thank
- ☺ think
- ☺ teacher
- ☺ children
- ☺ each

Flashcards will be sent home Monday and a test will be given over these words on Friday.

DONATION

I am in need of index cards. We have used up my supply of index cards for sight word flashcards. If you could donate a package or two, it would be greatly appreciated. THANK YOU!

VALENTINE PARTY SIGN-UPS

We have 22 students in our class. Exact date for class party will be announced next week. I just wanted to give you a little extra time to plan. ☺

Cupcakes/Cookies: Grace T.
Healthy Snack: Eric V.
Napkins/plates: Anna H.
Favor bags: Brendan G.
Drink boxes: Natalie W.

REMINDERS:

**PE is on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.
Library is on Wednesday. Please return books.**

Our classroom has been fluctuating in temperature this week, and I would suggest having your child wear layers each day.
Thank you!