



The Weekly Review

Nov. 14, 2008

Today was our Thanksgiving Dinner for local senior citizens and veterans. The kids made table decorations and sang after they ate. ** We started having sight words and idioms this week. It is surprising how many sayings that we think kids understand but really don't. You will find the list of words and idioms at the bottom of this newsletter each week.

Reading: Our story this week was called "The Giant of Barletta" and it took place in Italy. Your child will be bringing it home next week to read it to you. I never feel like I do a very good job of describing all of the things we do each week in addition to just reading a story. I meet with various groups, they do independent seat work related to things we are studying and we work on vocabulary and phonemic awareness. We also do 30 minutes of reading comprehension work three times weekly and we read from our science and social studies books often.

Sight Words: also, beautiful, favorite, off, schools, to, was, instead
Idioms: She is as neat as a pin.
I was furious, but held my tongue.

Math: I know you worked with your child on rocket math last year but please help them again this year with their facts. I suggest buying flash cards and taking out those they know and concentrating on the others. This week we learned how to subtract when there is a zero in the middle and you have to borrow from the hundreds column. We also continued to work on bar graphs and pictographs.

Science: We did not put seeds in jars this week as I had hoped. Instead we talked about the parts of a flower and how the process of pollination works.

Social Studies: We are reading about climate and how it is different than weather. Next week we will talk about natural resources.

Eng/Writing/Cursive: The kids have started an essay about people they are thankful for and we are learning many things related to grammar in our DLR book.

Important dates:

Tues. Nov.18- Spelling Test
Wed. Nov. 19 – Picture retakes
Wed. Nov. 26 – 2:05 Dismissal
Thurs/Fri. Nov. 27/28 – No School