

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

Dear Families,

Last Day of Kindergarten

The last day of school will be Thursday, June 23rd.

Book Orders (Last One)

Book orders are due Friday, May 13th. Please make one check for all book orders payable to Scholastic. Thanks. This will be the last book order of the year.

What We're Doing.....

We have started a Picturing Writing unit on Time of Day. We painted a sunset picture and next we'll write about it.

In math, we are thinking about number stories by retelling them and acting them out. Good mathematicians develop strategies for solving addition and subtraction story problems. We are learning about counting on, and how that strategy can help in a game such as Double Compare, where you have to find the total of two quantities and find the larger number.

In reading, we have been learning that using sensory images makes you a stronger reader. Sensory images are mind-movies or all those pictures, sounds, smells, feelings, or tastes that you think of when you read. Good readers do this because it helps you understand the story by making it come alive, making it more interesting, and fun.

We are practicing how to retell a story because good readers do this to help remember the story or follow the story-line, and it helps you talk and think about the story.

By next week we will have introduced all 30 sight words. We'll spend the last weeks practicing those.

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