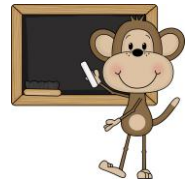


Martin's Monkey Memo

Friday, September 20, 2013

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Look what's swingin' in our classroom:

We are three weeks into first grade and I am so thankful for the time that we have all had together so far! It has been a joy getting to know each child and being able to see their personalities start to shine.

As many of you know, learning does not stop at school. This past Monday we began homework journals. Thank you for returning them today! If your child did not turn theirs in, please do so on Monday in order to receive next week's homework. In addition to our journals, our Just Right Level library will begin on September 30. Your child will choose a book at their just right level and bring it home each night to read. More information will come home within the next two weeks about JRL books.

Please practice tying shoes at home as well. We are in and out of shoes often (mostly P.E. days ☺). Being able to tie our shoes on our own could save us a few extra minutes during transition time. Thank you for your help!

This week we were fully immersed in writer's workshop time. This is one of my favorite parts of the day! I love seeing children develop writing strategies, create their own stories, and ultimately fall in love with writing. We are currently writing small moment stories, where we really *zoom in* on one small topic. We have a great group of writers and I can't wait to share pictures on our blog!

Have a wonderful weekend! I look forward to seeing your little one on Monday.

-Miss Martin

Save The Date:

*September 24: Walk-A-Thon shirt form due

*September 27- Miss Martin away at math training in the afternoon

*September 30: picture day

A Mini Memo:

*Wednesday Time started this week! Once a month our entire school (K-5) will gather in the multipurpose room to help build our school community. This week we were able to meet all of the staff at Adams Elementary!

Coming Up Next Week:

Star Student of The Week:

Mickey Voss

Our Learning Targets:

*Writing: I can use a story teller's voice, I can sketch pictures to plan ideas, I can stretch words slowly and write sounds I hear

*Math: I can use addition to solve story problems, I can visualize equality, I can use = to write addition equations, I can determine if an equation is true

*Reading: I can pick a Just Right Book, I can retell a story

*Spelling: I can spell the words of, the, and

Popcorn Words: it, is, on, look

Word Families: -in, -it

Sound: i (sit, rip, lick)

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