

Three Days Next Week!

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Dear Families and Friends,

Our Unit on Force and Motion is wrapping-up. We began talking about a final performance task that they would design to find a way to make a ball go further than another ball. They will be writing out a plan for the investigation. The questions that students will be answering are: How did the ball(s) move down the ramp?

What did you change in the experiment to make one ball go further?

Reading Workshop

We now have tools to tackle tricky words. We learned how readers use the following strategies to help them:

- Read through the whole word
- Reread to make sure the word looks and sounds right and makes sense
- Ask questions as they read to fix mistakes
- Change their reading pace
- Be persistent and not give up right away

Everyday Math

In math we had to figure out patterns and number sequences when given a rule to follow such as +6 or -3. Sometimes we had to find the rule after looking at a sequence of numbers. We used "Frames and Arrows" and "What's My Rule?" tables to help us. The last part of our week focused on counting strategies for subtraction. Ask your child about a strategy they learned.

Other Important Information

Last week I sent home a conference preference sheet for you to fill in your top four choices. Please make sure to send them back to me as soon as possible. Conferences are in November.

Please remember that there is no school on Thursday and Friday next week.

Upcoming Events

October 22nd and 23rd
2009: No School

October 29th, 2009:
Assembly featuring EHS

October 30th, 2009:
Fun Run in the afternoon

Writing Workshop

This was a publishing week after all of the hard work they have done to edit their first story. They went to the computer lab to type their stories. When they were finished typing, they explored different options to "fancy" it up. The last step will be to create a title page and a dedication page. The students will then have their first published story for second grade.

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