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Ms. Pantke's Class News

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Writing

We began writing workshop this week.

We talked about how writing workshop will be structured, began generating ideas, and discussed what good writers do. We're excited to get our journals next week!

Phonics/ Word Study

This week in our phonics we worked with the names of our classmates, talked about how names & other common nouns start with capitals, and did some fun rhymes/chants to practice everyone's names.

Upcoming Dates:

Mon, Sept 7th :
No School-Labor Day

Tues, Sept 8th :
Curriculum Night
7:20-8:00 p.m.

Math

In math this week we went over our math routines. We played the game Top-It (aka war) and learned how to choose partners, find work space & use math words. We also learned how to play Monster Squeeze and how to write tallies. (Ask about the tally dance!) We started our problem of the day routine where we'll work on solving story problems various ways. Next week we'll start math centers.

Reading

We're starting the year by reading a variety of books with strong characters. We learned how to describe characters by their traits and discuss how they often change in a story. We'll continue working on character next week as well as the story elements of setting, problem, solution, etc. It is important for us to retell a story accurately to build strong comprehension!

Notes from Room 425:

- I will post our classroom newsletter online each week. If you'd like to receive a paper copy of our classroom newsletter please let me know.
- Please be sure to send a snack with your child daily. We eat snack in the morning because we have a late lunch. They can keep non-perishable extras in their cubbies.
- Please work with your child on shoe-tying at home.

Quote of the Week

"Make the world more awesome."

-Kid President