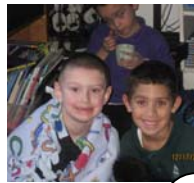




Classroom News

What's going on in 1A? The progress of our classroom is moving along. It is incredible the amount of work that we are getting through. I am sure that you have noticed the changes that your child is making in the areas of academics. Please continue to communicate regularly with me as I continue serving your child's needs.

In December we had a weeklong reading marathon and slumber party in class. Thanks to all the parents that help support this event by sending in the goodies.



What's going on in 1A? *Share this information with your child...*


ELA: The class is in full swing learning about changes in unit 3. Students are exploring the central question: What is changing in our world? Students will continue discussing other ideas in the unit theme:


- We are changing (growing, learning new things, getting new ideas),

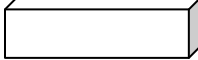
- The world around us is changing (trees and plants, people and animals, weather and seasons, day and night,
- Some things do not change unless we change them (house, school, friends, objects)

Math: Students are learning about geometry and the properties of each:


*Vertex (vertices): corners *Flat Surface:


Cones, (1 vertex and 1 flat surface) 

Cylinder, (0 vertices and 2 flat surface) 

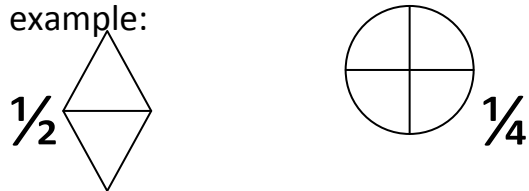
Rectangular prism, (1 vertex and 1 flat surface) 

Triangular prism, (8 vertices and 6 flat surface)

Cube, (8 vertices and 6 flat surface) 

Sphere, (0 vertices and 0 flat surface) 

Students will also learn about fractions: figures that are divided into equal pieces, example:



	$\frac{1}{4}$	One fourth is yellow.
	$\frac{2}{4}$	Two fourths are yellow. One half is yellow.
	$\frac{3}{4}$	Three fourths are yellow.
	$\frac{4}{4}$	Four fourths are yellow.

Theme Studies/Writing Workshop:

Students have been discussing what qualities make a good friend and how can we be peacemakers in our classroom and our community. By using Martin Luther King Jr. as a role model, students will continue sharing what are the things that make a true friend. They will be interviewing each other and sharing with the principal and other teachers the information that they find about their special friend.

After wrapping up our unit on community we explored how we are connected to our community. There are ways to show good citizenship. Every day we will discuss ways we can be good citizens and great peacemakers. In our communities we have roles that we play. In school we also have different roles. Each month we look forward to honor new peacemakers in our classroom community. In class we will read books and discuss ways we can be good citizens and great peacemakers. Discuss with your child these important characteristics that will help him/her be good citizens: respect, caring, responsibility, fairness, honesty, and courage. Students who do not display these characteristics are not selected as our classroom peacemakers.

Respect means treating others as we want to be treated.

Caring means thinking about how someone feels and doing something to show you care.

Responsibility means doing the things you should do. When you show responsibility you demonstrate that you are a trustworthy person and we can trust your words.

Fairness means taking turns and playing by the rules.

Honesty means telling the truth. When we are honest, others trust our words.

Courage means doing what is right even when it is hard.

Ask your child how they are displaying these peacemaker's and good citizen's quality in school and at home.