

News from Room 48

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Week in Review...



Upcoming Events

● **Reading: Friends Forever**

- This week in reading our story focused on friendship. We read additional friendship stories. We have new reading groups and skill groups and made posters as a class of the expectations during each reading choice, and WHY each one is important.
- They were very excited to start groups up again Thursday!

● **Writing: Persuasive**

- This week began persuasive writing! Students know that they use persuasive skills in everyday life, and sometimes it works, and other times it does not. In order to persuade someone they need to have logical reasons to back up their request. As a class, we read ! Wanna Iguana and wrote a class letter to Dr. Greene explaining reasons why we need a real pet shark at Esperanza after making webs of ideas in partners. Next week students will be doing their own writing.

● **Math: Geometry**

- We began our unit in geometry. This week students composed and decomposed shapes using pattern blocks. All activities used a lot of spatial reasoning and logic. Students worked to create the same picture many different ways, realizing that smaller blocks required more fill the same area larger ones did.

● **Science/S.S: New Years**

- The beginning of the week began with the celebration of the New Year! We watched how some other countries celebrated (fireworks, etc.) and discussed plans and goals for 2012.

- Jan. 9th - report cards go home
- Jan. 16th - Martin Luther King Day, No School
- Jan. 20th - Conference Letters Go Home
- Jan. 24th - 100th Day of School
- Jan. 27th - Conference Requests Due

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR CHILD...

1. What are some expectations during read to someone? Why is that choice important?
2. What does it mean to persuade?
3. How do you persuade someone? Does it always work?
4. What does "geometry" mean in math?
5. When you compose pictures with pattern blocks, where do you start? What do you notice about the number of blocks you need?
6. What are some of your goals for 2012? Something you want to learn? Something you want to improve? Something you'll do for the family? Your friends?

The Teacher's Scoop:

Welcome back from what I hope was a relaxing, enjoyable winter break for you all! We have hit the ground running as you can tell from the week in review section. We have a lot to accomplish in the second semester of first grade. Students can look forward to our penguin unit, nonfiction writing, measurement, rainforests, fables, and much more!

Weekly Words

low, bow, row, road, soap, boat, wiggle, middle, talk, school

BONUS: door, kind, made, who, would