



CLASSROOM NOTES

For the end of the week of: September 22, 2014

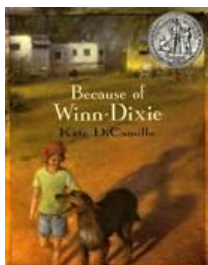
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HAPPY AUTUMN! MANY THANKS to our chaperones who supported us on our amazing trip to Burton Century Village! The students earned an A++ rating from the tour guide! **Wow---WEEEEEE!** My goal is to get pictures posted on my web page soon. If/When that happens...I will let you know!

It was nice seeing so many at the curriculum night presentation. I sent home the reading packet that was given at the meeting. Attached is one of the documents I use for guided reading groups. This will give you an idea of the types of questions I ask. Also, I have attached the Quarter 1 Language Arts Overview. I will start working on one for the 2nd quarter ...and I will also put one together for math. Hopefully this will give you a more clear idea of what we are studying in class. ☺

<p>R E A D I N G & Grammar</p>	<p>Skills of the week: We have been working hard on using the text to answer questions. Additionally, students have been writing responses using complete sentences. Sentence starters are being provided but we will transition out of this ...hopefully soon! **SEE the bottom of the page for a sentence starter example about Winn Dixie. ---Students explored nouns – people, places, things, or animals!</p>
<p>Math</p>	<p>Students explored bar and picto graphs. We began creating arrays and writing equations to match the picture. See below for an example.</p>
<p><i>Word Study/ Writing Workshop</i></p>	<p>Word Study: We will wrap up affricates. Next week = Final Consonant Blends! Writing: Punctuation, capitalization, and revising beginnings & endings were the teaching points of the week! We also discussed writer's intent and writing in powerful ways.</p>
<p>Idiom & Root of the Week</p>	<p>Idiom: "Off the Hook" Root: bi = two</p>
<p>Social Studies</p>	<p>We will be wrapping up citizenship and moving into history – then and now!</p>
<p>T E C H N O L O G Y</p>	<p>We are settling in to our iPad and Chromebook rotation schedule. The school purchased apps are available for students to explore. ☺</p>
<p>A+ Attitudes = A+ Students</p>	<p>To support the theme of our Caring Classroom Community of Learners, we will be focusing on Character Development. For the month of September, the A+ Attitude will be CITIZENSHIP: Do your share to make your school and community better • Cooperate • Get involved in community affairs • Stay informed; vote • Be a good neighbor • Obey laws and rules • Respect authority • Protect the environment</p>
<p>SPARK SOME DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Be sure to ask your child about the Johnny Appleseed LEA (Literary Enhancement Activity) completed on Friday! Also, ask about the history trunk we saw! What was in it?*</p>
<p>Quote for the Week</p>	<p>We all have an obligation as citizens of this earth to leave the world a healthier, cleaner, and better place for our children and future generations." Blythe Danner</p>
<p>IMPORTANT DATES</p>	<p>October: 1st = Picture Day</p>
<p>That's all for now. Thank you for your support. Make it a great weekend!</p>	



Ask:
How did Opal meet Gloria?
Sentence starter for an answer:
Opal met Gloria Dump because . .

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