



What's New in Room 118?

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Good-bye, Miss Dulude



Thursday, May 29th will be Miss Dulude's last day. She will be graduating from Minnechaug and attending STCC. Bethany, thank you for all you have contributed to our class. We will miss you and wish you well.

Field Day, Wed. May 21



Let's hope this nice weather stays for our field day. The rain date is Thursday, May 22.

We are doing a play - Thursday, June 12th



I hope you have received the information about our play. Last Friday, I sent home a notice about costumes and help with refreshments. Please let me know if you did not receive this information.

Let's Take Care of the Earth



We learned about taking care of

the earth.

The children are seeing how we can reduce, reuse and recycle. We have been talking about the importance of the rain forests. We will also learn about the earth's surface, including rocks and minerals.

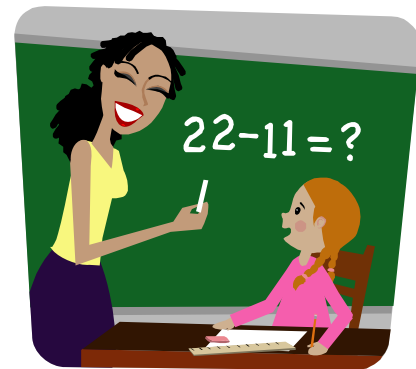


More Math Problem Solving

The students are continuing to solve problems and showing how they got to their answer. They are encouraged to use words, pictures and numbers.

How can you help? We continually review "The Doubles Song", combinations to make 10, such as $6 + ? = 10$, and what happens when you add 10 to 1, 2, 3, etc. You can review and reinforce these at home!

Another way to help is to encourage your child to count on, when adding two numbers, or count back when subtracting. Many of them opt for using manipulatives for every problem without stopping to consider if there is another way. When counting on, demonstrate, as we do in school, how starting from the larger number and





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then counting from there is an alternate, and easy method. Similarly, counting back can be demonstrated. To facilitate this, when you are in the car, give your child a starting number and tell him/her to count on or count back another number. The more you do this, the easier it will be for your child.

Frogs and Toads



As we continue our study of Kinds of Living Things, we are learning about frogs and toads. The children are learning about the metamorphosis of a tadpole into a frog. We are doing many related activities. In addition, we are reading many books, fiction and non-fiction, about frogs and toads. The children are especially enjoying the Arnold Lobel series of Frog and Toad stories. Ask your child about some of the stories we have enjoyed and also, some of the facts we have learned.

Sea Life



After our study of frogs and toads, the children will learn about sea life. You'll see many projects about a variety of sea creatures as we read many books and poems and learn many songs.

Website Links

<http://ra.org/programs/education/kids/index.html>

<http://www.msu.edu/user/urquhart/tour/toucan.html>

http://www.yahooligans.com/Science_and_Nature/The_Earth/Environment/Earth_Day/ - great yahooligans link to earth day links

Hope all the mom enjoyed their Mother's Day gifts.

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