



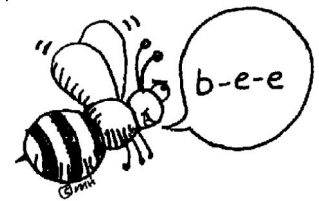
Class News

From the third grade classroom of Mrs. Greene

Highlights

Happy New Year! Though we were all a little groggy coming back at first, we are excited to start fresh together in 2010. Our new writing unit revolves around realistic fiction, and the students are busy developing interesting, not “Mr. Cardboard” characters to start planning out their stories. In preparation for upcoming assessments, we are focusing on reading comprehension this month – using strategies such as crossing out answers that don't make sense, finding and underlining the evidence in the passage, and reading the questions through two times to help us. I am pleased to see that most students are doing this automatically now (with homework passages as well). 2010 is off to a great start!

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More news

- In Social Studies the students are wrapping up a unit on map skills. They are showing what they have learned by designing their own island, complete with a map key, compass rose, grid and index. Ask your child what their island is called!
- We have just completed a major unit on addition and subtraction strategies. Students should continue to practice their subtraction facts at home.
- Our next math unit, “Perimeter, Angles, and Area” will focus on concepts in geometry. Students will be using math language to classify and describe shapes, measuring area and perimeter, and determining whether angles are obtuse, acute, or right.

Reading tip of the Month

Help your child review what they've learned in our Foundations Spelling program by asking them to identify open, closed, and v-e syllables and words in what they read. Ask them to teach you how to mark them up for blends, digraphs, vowel sounds, and suffixes!

Spotlight on Random Acts of Kindness in Room 5

James has been incredibly helpful to his classmates in the past weeks, helping them to stay focused and organized.