

Miss Block's Classroom Connection

November 15, 2019



Hello Kindergarten Families!

Happy Friday! I enjoyed meeting with a lot of you yesterday and talking about how your students are doing so far this year! I look forward to meeting with the rest of you in the coming week! We have been working hard in room 135 these last couple of weeks! Mrs. I, the school guidance counselor, began coming into our room to do lessons on We introduced the classroom Chromebooks and started using them during both literacy and math centers. This week we started small reading groups and students have been learning a focus sight word, doing "picture walks" through the books to get ready for reading, and then learning strategies to help them read unfamiliar words. We have also started diving more deeply into the "Zones of Regulation" and have been talking about how to look at a person's facial expressions to understand how they might be feeling and what "zone" they might be in. As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to email me at ablock@wocsd.org. Enjoy your weekend!

Ask Your Student

- What are some feelings in the (green, blue, yellow or red) zone?
- What number is one more than ____ (any number less than 10)?
- Which word does not rhyme: bat, cat, rug (do with any three words-2 rhyming, one not)?
- Can you tap out the word bat on your fingers? (or any CVC word)

Literacy

We started small reading groups this week and everybody is doing great! We start with focusing on a sight word that will show up repeatedly in the text, then we picture walk through the book to get ready for reading. We then read the book, do a small word work activity and a guided writing sentence. In other centers, students have been working on writing CVC words, rhyming, and learning about word families. I am very impressed with how well they are doing at all of these activities!

Important Dates:

Wed. 11/20- Early Release @ 2:00
Mon. 11/18- Parent/Teacher Conferences
Fri. 11/22- Book orders due
Wed. 11/27-Fri. 11/29- No School- Thanksgiving Break
Tues. 12/17- Kindergarten Winter Concert @ 10:00

Math

In math we have been learning about numbers that are one more. We built stairs using unifix cubes that we have been using to understand the concept of one more than. We also have been counting the "one more way" – one, one and one more is two, two and one more is three, etc. Next week we will begin talking about numbers that are one less.

Photos From the Week



Making cards for Veterans



Mrs. I. Teaching us about the "group plan"



Guess the missing number



Some of the October Challenge finishers



Building stairs



We can read!



Book shopping