



News From Pod 3

September 9, 2009

Reading and Language Arts

Please read daily with your child then record the title of the book and initial the reading log. Books are selected for your child's current reading level and may be sent home more than once. Several readings of a story help to promote reading fluency which increases story comprehension and understanding thereby building confidence in the reading process.

We are using graphic organizers in the classroom to help your child visualize and record information found in a reading passage. Currently we have used Venn diagrams and story webs to identify characters, settings and the plot of a story.

Math Matters

Math skills include the use of tally charts, picture graphs and Venn diagrams to record and process data which we have collected by surveying a group.

We are also learning to represent numbers in standard form as well as tens and ones. We are using manipulatives, pictures and written forms to represent numbers from 1 to 31.

Other math skills include using ordinal numbers (first, second, third, etc.) and

doing daily problem solving. We are learning the steps used to solve a problem as we apply math to real life situations.

- Remember math homework is done on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You may help by reading the directions and reviewing your child's homework giving positive praise for efforts made.



Health Explorations

We are now working in small cooperative learning groups at workstations as the students explore making healthy choices for lifelong health through good nutrition. They are learning about the food groups and the food guide pyramid. They will be using the computer, using a food pyramid, viewing a video and doing tasks related to good nutrition. The students must report the things they have learned as each task is completed.

Date to Remember

Friday, September 25- Parent-Teacher Conference Day (No school for students.)

- More Information will follow about your scheduled conference time.



Parent Help Needed

In our effort to make learning and problem solving more applicable to real life situations the students of Pod 3 will be building and using a grocery store. We will be using this grocery store to teach many skills across the curriculum. We need your help to stock the shelves of our grocery store. Please send in any packaging you might find in a grocery store. Clean empty cans, bottles, boxes, etc. will be needed. Please avoid cans with sharp edges or glass items that might break.

If your child accompanies you to the grocery store please encourage him/her to pay attention to the way the store looks and how the items are displayed and advertised. Also ask your child to observe how each employee of the store does their job.

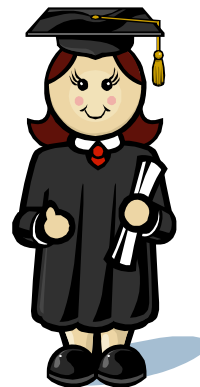
We will keep you informed of the progress of our store and post some pictures as we construct, problem solve and operate our store.

Ft Rucker Primary School

Mission Statement

“We believe that children are our highest priority. We promote a cooperative partnership among students, parents, community and staff. Our mission is to build a strong foundation for lifelong learning by nurturing, guiding, and challenging all of our students to achieve their maximum potential.”

We need your help to accomplish this mission!



“Together We Can”