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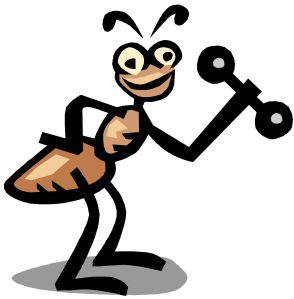
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Voyages!

During our Voyages this week we studied the story of Joseph and the many trials he had throughout his life. We discussed that even though Joseph was going through tough times, God was always with him and God had a plan for Joseph. We know that we can always trust in God's loving and protective care, even in our darkest day.



Week Six

The final story in our language arts unit entitled "Exploring" was *The Strongest One*. This story was written as a play that taught us the lesson that all parts of nature are important; even the tiny ant. We used this Native American fable to help determine the difference between fantasy and realism. Our phonics and spelling work for the week examined digraphs – two letters that work together to make one sound. Our grammar focused on commands and exclamations. We continued our work on personal narratives during writing this week. We focused on writing an opening that doesn't give away the ending, but instead makes the

reader want to keep reading (we might also call this the "hook").

Our extra words for the week were as follows:

Amazing Words:

delicate, inquire, sturdy, exhibit, resist, stun, genius, satisfaction

High Frequency Words:

pieces, often, very, together, though, gone, learn

We have been sailing along in our new math unit. With a smaller class, it is very easy for me to assess what the students already know. We had quick reviews of the topics even and odd, number patterns, number order, and greater/less than throughout the week. We had fun working on our math facts with a game of Around the World.

We were able to cover two lessons during science classes this week. First we learned about camouflage and the way that animals can use colors and patterns to warn, or hide from, predators. We took a walk around the school grounds and looked for areas where animals could blend in with their surroundings. Next we had some fun sorting M&Ms and Skittles in different ways. (Yes, we were able to enjoy them for our afternoon snack. ☺) We learned that scientists sort, or classify, animals based on the ways they are similar or different. We worked like scientists as we divided plastic animals into various classifications.

Extra, Extra...

Next week is a three day week due to the Northern Illinois District Lutheran Educator Conference that the St. John staff will be attending. There will be no spelling words next week, and we will only have one memory verse that will be due on Wednesday. Instead of sending home a separate sheet for one memory verse, I am including it in my newsletter. The following verse is to be recited on Wed., Oct. 7th:

[Jesus said,] "You did not choose Me, but I chose you...to go and bear fruit." John 15:16

We will not be using our normal reading curriculum for our shortened week next week. I have a bunch of actors in my class who really liked the idea of performing the play *The Strongest One* from our reading this week. We will use some of our language arts time to rehearse, make props, and perform our play for some of the other classes in our school.



Birthday boy, Aaron

Enjoy this wonderful fall weekend!

Mrs. Hancock

Leviticus 19:1-2

... You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.