

The Hancock Herald

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Voyages!

Our Voyages! lessons this week focused on forgiveness. We learned the words “separation” and “reconciliation.” We know that our sin separates us from God, but that through our repentance and His forgiveness we are once again reconciled with our merciful Lord. The Bible story of Jacob and Esau demonstrated the sadness of sin and the joy in reconciliation. As an addition to our Bible story, we discussed the fact that once God forgives a sin, it is gone forever. He never brings it up again. As a class, we are working to follow His example with our schoolmates.

Look for...

Next week’s pattern word spelling list was sent home today. These words will be tested on Friday. There are 12 pattern spelling words and three challenge words. The challenge words are optional. Memory work is also included. Memory work is to be recited on Wed. and Fri. mornings. A copy of memory and spelling words can be downloaded from our school website.

Week Five

We had another busy and productive week in second grade! This week our exploring took place in the desert. We read the story *A Walk in the Desert*. This non-fiction reading helped us examine main ideas and

supporting details as a strategy to help comprehend non-fiction reading selections. Our phonics and spelling work for the week looked at adding –ed and –ing to long and short vowel sound words. We noted the changes that need to be made to the base word before adding the endings. We spent time working on writing conventions such as capital letters, periods, question marks and exclamation points during our writing time this week. We began writing personal narrative stories. We used a writing frame to help us come up with a beginning, middle, and end to our story and then worked on adding details and strong, “vivid” words to our writing. I am quite impressed by what the children have written so far.



Our extra words for the week were as follows:

Amazing Words:

arid, landform, precipitation, dunes, ledge, haven, discovery, forbidding

High Frequency Words:

water, full, animals, early, warm, eyes

We finished our first math unit with a review game call “Who

Wants to be a Math Millionaire?” and a chapter test. The students did very well with the chapter. We began our next chapter which covers place value. This important math concept can prove challenging for some students. If you notice that your child is struggling, please let me know (I will be monitoring school work as well). I will be glad to provide extra assistance if necessary. I want to make sure that all students are comfortable with place value, as it is the basis for many math lessons to come.

This week in social studies we learned about the three branches of our government and their functions. Big words like executive, judicial, and legislative were being used, and understood, by my bright second graders! We also had some fun learning about the White House. We visited the web site www.visitingdc.com to view some great pictures of the elegant White House and its surrounding grounds. This wraps up our unit on “Governing the People.”

Extra, Extra...



Reading with our friends from preschool.

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

Leviticus 19:1-2