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State Fair Field Trip

We had an absolute blast at the state fair and couldn't believe that there was so much to learn about, other than the rides and food! Here are some of our favorite memories and the things we learned about during last week's trip...

~ I learned that recycling helps the world because you can turn them into something different like a robot instead of something in a big pile (Brian)

~ Did you know that some flowers bloom at night and if they get pollinated by a bee they fall apart right away? (Diallo)

~ There are lots of really big animals at the fair...I sat on a 2,000 pound cow! (MaKenna)

~ The Field of Dreams garden center was fun because we got to collect strawberries, blueberries, and potatoes, all products from North Carolina. (Izze)



~ I learned that North Carolina is the 4th most agriculturally

diverse state in the country. (Savannah)

~ Putting plastic bottles and aluminum cans in the trash is illegal. (Juan)

~ Our state produces soybeans, strawberries, apples, and lots of other veggies! (JaBria)

~ The whole purpose of the fair is to try new things and have fun at the same time! (Thayra)

~ I enjoyed seeing the smallest horse since it is smaller than a dog! (Andy)

Special points of interest:

- NOV 2—Teacher Workday
- NOV 2-9—Parent conferences (reminders are in this Wednesday folder)
- NOV 5—Picture Retakes
- NOV 10—Mix it Up Day
- NOV 22—Veterans Day
- NOV 25-29—Thanksgiving Holiday

SPORTS NEWS

Interview with Justin

I think the biggest win in sports recently is Duke beating NC State. (No offense UNC fans). Looking forward to the Duke-UNC game November 7th!

Reminder:

We don't celebrate Halloween at Estes Hills, so please be sure not to dress up Friday. :)



We have been reading mystery books for the past few weeks and learning about the different ingredients that make up this genre. We read a couple short mystery books in class and learned about ways authors keep the reader in suspense with clues and suspects...Some reading groups are reading the same

Investigating the Mystery Genre...

mystery book, which has resulted in some really exciting and heated discussions!

When we finish the books, everyone is working on creating a Story Skeleton about their book. Each part of the skeleton is about something in the book, like the characters and setting. We can't wait to have these all up in our

classroom! The projects are due Friday, October 30th, unless you are working on them in a group. These are due the following Friday, November 6th. Some have come in early, which is great!



Happy Reading!

Social Studies

We just finished making our relief maps of North Carolina, which was a fun way to learn map skills and the geography of our state.

For our next project, we will be learning more about the regions through a tourism project in small groups.

Mystery Pellets

What were those strange looking balls we studied in science? Not owl poop...but owl pellets! Owls eat their prey in one big gulp and regurgitate (throw up) all the stuff they can't digest like bones and fur. We'll be dissecting the pellets (which have been sanitized) to learn about what they eat! We have to be brave scientists for this investigation!

Poetry by Susannah

Time

Tick, tock goes the clock
Half past twelve, time for lunch,
time to crunch on food that makes
you well.

Time is here time is there,
you can find clocks everywhere.
Watch on your wrist, clocks on the
wall, time is important, spring, win-
ter, summer, and fall!

Mystery

Find the clues for missing shoes,
Take notes along the way,
Don't let false trails lead you
astray.
Find your suspects, get some
evidence...
sleuths can solve the crime.
And anytime a sleuth can make a
rhyme!

Important Books

To learn about the writing process, we made pop-up books about things that are important to use. It wasn't really hard since most of the steps were pretty easy. It was fun and awesome for people who like this type of activity, but maybe hard for others. If you like to read and write and work on projects, you will definitely enjoy making one.

The first step in the writing process is brainstorming, then you have to write a rough draft. Spelling and punctuation aren't important yet. Then,

we learned about some ways to revise and edit our writing. Before we publish, which is the last step, we have to

meet in a conference with Ms. Coleman or another adult. They give great tips! Our published books are displayed in the me-

dia center for people to see. It felt good to write about the most important things in our lives like family, friends, and of course, teachers!

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Mastering Math Facts

We are getting used to our new Envisions curriculum and enjoy using our Smartboard for many lessons and activities in math. We have a class goal to all master our times tables, so we are taking timed tests each week. For anyone who hasn't memorized their tables, keep practicing! Check out the games on Ms. Coleman's website for a fun way to learn them. Since we are learning about multiple digit multiplication and division (coming soon), it is super important that everyone is

quick with their facts!

Here are some tips for learning your facts!

- $7 \times 8 = 56$ (five-six-seven-eight, fifty six is seven times eight)
- $8 \times 8 = 64$ (He ate and ate and got 'sick on the floor,' eight times eight is sixty-four)
- $9 \times 9 = 81$ (He stood in line and ate a ton, nine times nine is eighty-one)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- October 5—Jagpar
- October 26—Andy
- October 30—Jack

★ STAR CAMPERS

**Maya—
Sep. 28-Oct. 2**



C.C.—Oct. 5-9



**Justin—
Oct. 12-16**



**Susannah—
Oct. 19-23**



Ingrý—Oct. 26-30





WISH LIST

We could really use the following items in our classroom if you would like to donate. Thanks!

- Snacks
- Pencil Sharpener (ours are on their last legs)
- Clorox wipes
- Pencils

EDIBLE GARDEN

Be sure to check out our edible garden, outside the third grade classrooms. We are growing a bunch of vegetables, which will hopefully make it to harvest this December. We also put up a fence to prevent pests and are in the process of creating and maintaining a compost bin. Lots of fun learning to be had!

