

# News from Room 102

A weekly newsletter from Miss Taber

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## Reading Workshop

### Math

We learned about math mountains this week! This is a new way for us to solve story problems. We have to listen carefully to see if we are looking for a partner or a total, and the mountain helps us find out what the number is that we are missing. The total is ALWAYS on top, and the partners are at the bottom of the mountain.

### Spelling

We have been working with our words: that, in, & you. We also talked about contractions this week. We learned that some words can be squished together, so a letter is missing- but an apostrophe is added. The kids are finding contractions in their books, and we made a list together: that's, it's, how's, what's...

Monday is Library day! Please remember to send your student with their library book so they can bring a new one home! :)

<http://taber.edublogs.org/>

We have added another choice to our reading workshop time! Now we have three to choose from: Read to self, Listen to reading, or Word Work. We have learned how to use bendaroos during our word work time. The students have a list of spelling words, or words that are used frequently- and if they choose to be a word worker, they use the bendaroos to help them spell their words.

We have also learned how to do a poem search. As the kids are reading, they are looking for certain kinds of words: words with the vowel "e", spelling words, three letter words, and words with the vowel "a". Once the table is filled with words that they have found, they choose one word and put it in a sentence of their own.

The kids are doing a great job of remembering how important it is to practice their reading during this time. We are continuing to add strategies to our CAFE board to help us with our reading. This week, we talked about how some letters make more than one sound. We talked about vowels, and other letters like g, s, and c. Flippy the Dolphin helps us remember to flip the sound if the first one doesn't make sense.

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## Writing Workshop

We had our second writing celebration this week! We worked with our writing partners to be sure our stories made sense, our spelling words were spelled right, and we did our best to stretch out other words so they were easy to read. We fancied our stories up by coloring our pictures and adding a cover, like real authors! We shared our favorite line with our class in our circle share, and then switched classes so we had friends from other first grade classes in our group. They have come so far in their writing already!

### Science

We did some experiments with sink or float... including making a Playdoh boat! We put pennies in the boats that could float to see how much they could hold! We are moving onto the three states of matter.

### Up Ahead

- 11/17 Marco's Pizza Night
- 11/24-28 Thanksgiving Break
- 11/29-12/3 Holiday Gift Shop

Thanks for a great week & enjoy your weekend!

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