Dreambox – **only 3 more days left!! We have done over 800 lessons. Daria has done over 100!Charlie – 84 lessons,Hugo – 75 lessons**

**Tie shoe Contest winners : Kadi, Lillian, Daria, Emerie, and David – We will do another one in Janurary.**

Important Dates

11/22-11-24 Thanksgiving Holiday

11/27 “Mr. Poppers Penguins”- Performance in the gym

**11/28 stuffed animal for art**

11/27-12/1 Book Fair Preview Week

**Readers Workshop** – We continued our unit called, “Building Good Reading Habits”. We talked about how readers use their partner to help them figure out tricky words and to help each other really understand the stories that we read. They also help each other use the pictures to help them understand the text. We also practiced retelling the stories with our partners. This week we are working on academic conversations with our partners. These talks are concentrated on our stories that we read and we try to build off of each other’s statements about the stories.

Please reinforce these skills at home when nightly reading. Remember to record in the reading log each night.

**Read Aloud** – Last week we read A Chair for My Mother.  We retold the story to a partner and recorded the story’s character, setting, problem, and solution in our reading response journals.  We also worked on explaining what happens during the beginning, the middle, and the end of the story. This week we are reading Lilly‘s Purple Plastic Purse and we will be taking our cycle 2 assessment.

**Close Reading** - We explored a nonfiction passage last week for our Close Reading activities. We read “The Pilgrim’s Path.” We discussed the main idea and special vocabulary words. We chunked and summarized the text. We recorded facts that we learned from the text. This week we will be reading “The Story of the First Thanksgiving.”

**Word Study:**  We continued working in our word study groups. We completed various activities with our sorts: partner sorting, writing sort, rainbow writing, etc. Your child will bring their completed sort home after 5 days of working with the same sorts/sounds. Review these with your child.

**Math:**   First graders –Last week, the students learned new subtraction strategies. The students solved word problems with facts up to 20. They also had to practice writing their own story problems. This week, the students will be solving problems that have an unknown number such as, 4+\_\_=10. They are learning different strategies to help them figure these problems out. **Please have them memorize double math facts. Topic 5 test will be on December 5th.**

**Writing:** The students have continued to write their “How To” stories. They have been working on fixing them up and making them fancy for our writing celebration last Friday. We have been reflecting on our stories.

**Science**: Students have been working in small groups to complete their own research project about an animal. They are learning about their animals’ habitat, what it eats, it’s classification, and a fun fact about the animal.

A few reminders:

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Happy Thanksgiving!