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Room 224 News

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Take a Peek at our Week

This week, we were very excited to start our animal research in the library with Mrs. Benz. We learned about reputable sources like databases and encyclopedias, how to use key words to find information and take notes, and how to make a bibliography. Our animal research and projects will be the majority of our focus for literacy and science for the next few months. In math, we finished our money unit and have been working hard on bar modeling so we can use it as a tool to help solve challenging problems. The book groups continue to have great conversations about their books and are working hard on their goals. Our hope is to finish them before Thanksgiving break but we will see how things go.

Learning to Come:

- Finishing Chapter 5
- Finishing our animal fiction book groups
- Researching our animals in the library with Mrs. Benz
- Beginning to write rough drafts for our animal projects
- Finishing our science unit before winter break

Coming Up:

November 19th -
November 23rd:

Thanksgiving Break

Help From Home:

Please help remind your child to complete his/her reading log and turn it in on Mondays. Although I am not counting minutes, I am interested to see what they are reading at home and how often they are filling out their reading logs. They still should be reading nightly and sticking to one or two books for the entire week. Thanks for your support!

This Week's Learning:

Math:

- Finished our money chapter
- Started a math lab where we collected and analyzed data
- Practiced bar modeling in groups and independently

Reading

- Continued our animal fiction book groups as we are trying to finish them before Thanksgiving
- Spent a lot of our literacy time in the library with Mrs. Benz researching for our animal projects

Writing

- Looked at different examples of how writers get readers interested in a topic and help us understand what we read
- Took notes for our animal research projects

Science

- Learned new science vocabulary
- Did activities with life cycles and predator/prey relationships