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Room 224 News

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Take a Peek at our Week

This week we spent a lot of time learning about settings and characters during literacy. We focused on how writers help readers understand the setting and tell readers about a character's traits. We looked at writing samples from our read aloud, The Sisters Grimm, to help us find examples of the setting and characters. This also helped us when we went to write our own narratives because we used some of the same strategies. In social studies, we finished talking about European explorers that helped discover North America. When we continue this unit, we will discuss explorers that helped to discover and shape Illinois. We are going to pause on social studies and focus on our next science unit which is forces.

Learning to Come:

- Continuing Chapter 8 in division
- Continuing our focus on narratives for reading and writing
- Reading books to identify the lesson/theme/message
- Spending more time on our new science unit - forces

Coming Up:

Tuesday, February 5th
Author Aaron Reynolds visits

Help From Home:

Please make sure to sign up for parent - teacher conferences. They will be held Wednesday, February 13th from 4:30 - 7:30 PM and Thursday, February 14th from 1 - 8 PM. If you cannot make either of these dates, please let me know and we can set up a different time to meet. Looking forward to seeing all of you!

This Week's Learning:

Math:

- Started our division chapter in math
- Worked on multi-step problem solving in centers
- Learned and practiced division vocabulary
- Practiced various games to help practice our facts
- Worked on division with and without remainders

Reading

- Looked at the problem and solution in various stories
- Used Sisters Grimm to discuss how we learn about characters through exposition, dialogue and action
- Read and discussed settings again to apply it to our own stories

Writing

- Finished writing our graphic organizers for our narrative stories
- Wrote a paragraph describing a character and the setting for our own narratives

Social Studies

- Finished our social studies unit by reflecting on what happens when different cultures interact

Science

- Started our new science unit on forces