

Chesterbrook Elementary

First Grade

News & Notes from Mrs. Plass
Week of August 24, 2015



Our Mission

Our mission is to create a safe and nurturing environment that provides an engaging, authentic educational experience built on collected data, current research and innovative instructional techniques.

Our mission is to develop the whole student—academic, social, emotional and character growth—while meeting individual needs and learning styles.

Dear Parents,

I want thank all of you for taking the time to attend curriculum night. It is nice to have parents of my students who are dedicated and committed to their child's education. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Plass

Reading: This week the first graders completed an author study about Linda Kranz. She is the winner of the IRA Children's Choices Award and author of eight journals and a craft book. The book entitled "Only One You," is an inspirational book about love between parents and children with words of wisdom from generation to generation. She quotes, "There's only one you in this great big world. Make it a better place." Also, she is a self taught artist who painted on canvas until she found a smooth river rock. This book is illustrated with colorful fish in the shapes of rock. The first graders enjoyed learning about events in her life, her passion for writing, and illustrating fish unique to themselves.

Word Study: In preparation for our Words Your Way word study program, the first graders reviewed the consonants and vowels in our alphabet. They also completed several activities which helped them to recognize patterns in sight words.

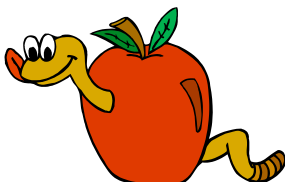
Math: Our math begins with the essential question "How do you add numbers?" The first graders modeled addition and wrote addition number sentences with a strong emphasis on math vocabulary.

21st Century Theme: Our first quarter theme is "Global Understanding." Our essential question for the project is "How does my community fit in the world?" We started this project with a friendship unit and many related activities. The first grade classes were combined to interview each other. Our Friendship Party included eating our home-made friendship bread and making bracelets.

Learning and Innovations Skills: After brainstorming the social studies vocabulary word "group," the first graders used their creativity skills to make a flag representing a group to which they belong (ex. soccer, dance, karate, etc.).

Character Kids Theme for September: Positive Attitude

Thinking Ahead: Reading Strands: character and setting
Language Arts Strand: nouns in sentences
Math Strand: addition concepts
Social Studies Strand: citizenship
Science Strand: bodies of water



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