



The Schaeffer Express

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Sorry for the delay in newsletters. February has been a busy month. I'm beginning to wonder if we will ever have school on Wednesdays again! :)

Literacy - As I'm sure you are aware, each week our spelling words are centered on a chunk of the week. Recently, we used the -ay and -ow chunk. Students know that although most of the time our chunks make a certain sound, like -ow in cow. However, they can sometimes make a completely different sound, like -ow in snow. Basically, our first graders are beginning to understand that English is a very tricky language to learn!

Math - We are finishing up our geometry unit. We have played "What's My Shape" and shape memory. Students learned that flipping, turning, or rotating plane shapes could change their appearance. Fractions are next!

Science/Social Studies - We recently mixed different solids and liquids to see the changes they made. With the solids, we also let the water evaporate. Students thought it was interesting that rock salt crystallizes during this process. With the liquids, many formed layers when mixed with water such as oil, corn syrup and hand soap! We ended our unit by making root beer floats. Root beer floats are made up of all 3 forms of matter - liquid, solid, and gas!

FYI -

*Please make note, the district calendar has changed:

May 7th is not an elementary early release.

May 21st will be an elementary early release.

*We are working rescheduling WinterKids.

Need - quart sized and gallon sized baggies!



*Listens and follows directions. Pays attention during lessons. Tries hard to learn.

1 2 3 4 5

*Returns homework folder, library books, etc. on time.

1 2 3 4 5

*Gets along well with others.

1 2 3 4 5

KEY: 1 = Outstanding

2 = Very Good

3 = Satisfactory

4 = Needs Improvement

5 = Poor; unacceptable

Comments:

Thank-you for all of your support! One of the best ways to communicate with me is through email: eschaeffer@msad54.org

