

# Mrs. Ryan's Kid-Bits of News

November 19, 2010

## The "H Brothers"

Have you been introduced to the "The H Brothers"? Ask your learner to introduce them to you. They are several chunks that include the "h": sh, ch, th and wh. We have been doing many sorts using these letter combinations. Continue looking for word work to come home regularly. Ask your child to explain to you what they had to do and have them read the words to you.

## Leading the Way in writing

This week, we have been using books to look at how authors start stories using different leads. We learned in Kindergarten how to start our stories with a 'Plain Jane' lead. This is just a regular introduction that sounds like a statement. This week, we were introduced to starting our writings with a question. As you are reading with your child, discuss the first sentences of your stories.

## Mighty Math

Numbers, numbers, numbers. We have been looking hard at number

this week. We have been bundling (making groups of tens and ones) looking for pattern, locating numbers on the hundreds charts and adding one more to a number. Please look at morning work each night and reinforce those concepts that are there.

## Addition Strategies

We are starting to introduce addition strategies. Please be on the lookout for work that explains all of our various strategies. We're excited! I will also be sending home games for you to play at night with your families to reinforce addition and strategies.

## Super Science

I am sure you were all able to share your child's science portfolio with them. They are so proud of all they do. Right now, we are exploring the Three States of Matter. I am sure you all had to try and blow up a balloon in a pop bottle.

## Pajama Day

Pajama Day is Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. If your child brings in a dollar to donate for our pajama drive, they will be able to wear pajamas.

## Important Dates

November 19<sup>th</sup>-Fundraiser pick up  
November 24<sup>th</sup>-Early Release  
November 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>-Thanksgiving  
Canned food drive coming soon!

## At a Glance

*Math: Number Sense, Addition*

*Science: States of Matter*

*Writing: Topic Sentences*

*Reading: Connections*

*Word Work: The "H" brothers sh, ch, th, wh*