

# Thornton/Yelle Newsletter

9/15/17

## The Reading Corner...

Students have been diving in deep with our classroom read-aloud Because of Winn-Dixie. During this first month of school, I am fostering the love of reading, motivating children to read more and more independently. During our comprehension discussions, and questioning we have explored how to use make mental movies in our minds as we read. We have been using the STOP and Jot strategy to record any words, phrases and sentences that help us visualize.

## Writers Workshop...

Our authors are at work! We are currently developing our notebooks with lists of ideas and moments that could develop as story starters. Our goal of this unit is to write a realistic fiction story that begins with a small observable moment, and has fictional elements. Students have brainstormed lists of small moments in their own lives. I will be sending home notebooks today, for students to share their favorite memories, and moments with you! Please help us to foster positive conversations about exciting and memorable moments that have happened in their life!

## In Math This Week...

Our little mathematicians have been working hard to review their place value skills and compare digits in whole numbers! Our new favorite game, place value paths, has got the students really thinking about numbers and strategies for ordering multi-digit whole numbers. We have pieced together our Marvelous Math Binders for this unit and the kiddos are excited to dive into note taking. Please keep an eye out for these binders to use as a resource throughout the year.

## Important Dates and Reminders

- Writers' notebooks are coming home! Please remind your child to send it back in on Monday.

9/20/17 – HALF DAY

9/28/17 – Picture Day

9/28/17 – Charity Softball Game

## In Social Studies and Science This Week...

In Social Studies we have been preparing to explore the regions of the United States. We have been focusing a lot on our states and capitals and reviewing our map skills. We started learning about all the different landforms and created brochures about some of the landforms in our country. In Science we have been thinking about what a scientist is and what we are most looking forward to about science.

## Conversations Starters

1. What are some things we will find in your math binder this year?
2. What are some different landforms you learned about this week? Are there any you would want to see in person one day?
3. Can you share your heart map with me?
4. Show me your list of Terrific Topics, Magical Moments, and Outstanding Observations in your writer's notebook. ©