

DeCastro's Class News

January 27, 2012

Next week: Days 3,4,5,6,1

Snack: Victoria, Dglan, Nick, Tacoma, Miss DeCastro

Upcoming Events

- ~ 1/31 – After school enrichment
- ~ 2/3 – Pajama Day
- ~ 2/3 – Report cards go home
- ~ 2/10 – Gertrude Hawk kickoff

Gertrude Hawk

The orders will be able to be handed in for **one week** beginning on **February 27**. They can be turned in no later than **March 2**. They will be delivered on **March 23**. The web link is <http://www.gertrudehawkchocolates.com/fund-raising/welcome>, and the group number is 701241.

Comfy For a Cause

On Friday, February 3, students will be allowed to wear pajamas to school if they bring in any loose change. The money will benefit a Windsor community member who lost her house to a fire last week. Please help support if you can! ☺

Math Facts

Please make sure your child is not only studying multiplication and division facts, but also addition and subtraction as well. I am finding that some of the kids are not as fluent with these basic facts as they should be, making it a little bit more difficult in math.



Math

The kids have begun learning about fractions this week in math. They have explored fractions using a Hershey bar, as well as creating their own set of fraction strips. The strips allowed the kids to see which fractions can equal each other, as well as how the pieces get smaller as the denominator increases. Please use the pink strips that were sent home as practice. Also, the kids took the quarter 2 test in math this week. ☺

ELA and Writing

In ELA the kids have begun using a fact, question, response chart to record their thinking as they read. We have focused on using an article on adaptations of a polar bear as a close read. We have also used this article to respond to a prompt on adaptations in writing. The kids have completed an on demand writing piece this week, too.

Science

We have begun our science unit on adaptations. We have been discussing how animals use physical and behavioral adaptations to survive in their environment. The article used in ELA was a great resource for the kids to see how a polar uses its adaptations. We will be continuing to learn more about this throughout next week.