



R & B Record

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MATH UPDATE - Students are doing well on the math fact challenge. Some have passed their 2's and are on to their 10's already! We do the tens next because they are simple, Just Add 0!. Students are learning the concept of both multiplication and division simultaneously because they are *inverse operations*. The answer in division is just an *unknown factor*. We are also learning that each number in a number sentence REPRESENTS something from a drawing or word problem (the total, the size of the group, or the # of groups). We are also learning to use the Read, Draw, Write (RDW) process to help us with our problem solving. Remember to visit my webpage for several useful website links for math and spelling!

Mrs. Reed ☺

ELA UPDATE- Our main texts this week were *Rain School* and *Nasreen's Secret School*. We learned about how children in Chad have to build their own schools from scratch every year. We also learned that girls in Afghanistan attend secret schools during times of war. Our class has had many discussions about how fortunate we are to live in a culture where we ALL have the opportunity to learn in clean and safe schools.

We are working on capturing the **gist** of a story (identifying the **lesson** or **main message**). We are also focusing on close reading to gather important details from the text and determine the meaning of vocabulary terms using context clues. Next week we will focus on paragraph writing and we will read *That Book Woman* and *The Librarian of Basra*. Have a beautiful weekend!
-Mrs. Baxter-

Other important information:

(September character trait-FRIENDSHIP)

- PTO Family Fun Night, tonight from 5 to 8 at the Allegany Fireman's Park. Come enjoy a fun-filled evening with your family. Lots of food, games, activities, and opportunities to socialize with other families from our school.
- Please consider joining our elementary PTO. They are very active in our school and support students and teachers in so many ways!
- Don't forget to sign your child's agenda each night to indicate you have seen it.

Lesson 2 - Plurals, -s, -es, -ies

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| 1. pennies | 9. lists |
| 2. inches | 10. copies |
| 3. plants | 11. parties |
| 4. families | 12. bunches |
| 5. bodies | 13. crashes |
| 6. glasses | 14. supplies |
| 7. wishes | 15. pencils |
| 8. pockets | Bonus words: |
| | libraries |
| | carpenters |

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