

**Reading****By Rebecca Galperin**

We learn about the author's purpose and what it is. Author's purpose is why the author wrote something. The purpose could be to inform, to persuade, or to entertain. We drew an author's P.I.E. in the back of our journals to help us remember and to refer back to. Knowing the author's purpose helps us to read stories better because we have an idea of what is coming. We also play SPARKLE to practice our spelling words and get better. We talk about the spelling patterns in our words. We don't talk much but we learn. We are all reading Lewis and Clark and Me.

**Science/Social Studies****By Harper Bush**

In science today we are doing an experiment where the ice melted in a circular cylinder and turned into water. Next we measured how much water was left in our cylinder when the ice was gone. We made a numbers table to record our results. My table had 132 g of water. On our second try, we had 128 g of water; we weren't wrong, but we weren't right either because the

results can vary as long as they are close.

**Writing****By Nathan Todman**

Writing has been good. We have taken an AIRways test, and that was easy. We start our writing lesson each day using our writing journal. We look at a precept (thoughtful quote or riddle), copy it into our journal, and then respond to it. We have made lots of choices like 'Would you rather?' and 'Which do you prefer?' to give us writing ideas. We use the very back of our journal as a reference point. We talked about the steps of the writing process and elements of good writing on our rubric. We showed which element is a focus in which step of the process. We are ready to start narrative writing.

**Specials****By Mrs. Harris**

→ IMC with Mrs. Heet  
The students are working to get ready for the first of the state tests. Camp Read S'More is fun each week as the students explore new books.

**Upcoming Dates**

-Fri, Oct 4 Picture retakes  
-Fri, Oct 11 Cabin Days field trip 10:55-2:00 at

Leeper Park Students need a sack lunch

-Mon, Oct 14 Puma Prowl kickoff

**Math****By Landon Johnson**

In math we do math drills on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We do time tests, and sometimes we go over our math homework and Freckle. Sometimes we get started on our math homework in class. Most days we do Math Boxes and other things in our Student Math Journal. With Mrs. Hoppers we are learning to add and subtract decimals. To do this we have to line up the decimal and then add and subtract like we learned in kindergarten and first grade. Before adding and subtracting decimals we learned how to change fractions into decimals and percents.

**Teacher Tidbits**

- Parent-Teacher Conference sign up has been sent out. Please sign up for a slot and let Mrs. Harris know if you have a special need or change.
- Our first reading minutes calendar is due on October 1. Be sure to read each night, total the minutes at the end of the month, sign, and send in.

- Please return signed field trip slips and fees for Cabin Days as soon as you can. Parent chaperones will be notified soon.