Shout out from Miss Sheldon:

Wow! We had a very busy week in 1214. This was our first week implementing the phonics program. The students were focusing on creating compound words. They had to understand the difference between creating a new word from two smaller words, as opposed to, finding words that rhyme (which they enjoy doing.) We will continue to work on compound words next week.

We are moving on from skip counting. However, this is a very important skill that the students still need to understand in order to complete other skills that we will encounter in the future. Please continue to work with your student at home. I was very happy to hear some of the students tell me that they were practicing in the car on the way to their various practices.

Please return the James and the Giant Peach field trip form with $2 ASAP.

Have a wonderful long weekend,

Miss Sheldon

What we did in 1214 this week:

Language Arts:
- The students ate two Oreos on Monday. They ate the first Oreo without really thinking about why they were eating the Oreo. The second Oreo, I had them look at it, smell it, feel it and then close their eyes when they ate it. After eating the second Oreo I had them report their findings. This was to demonstrate Close reading. The first read is to get a general understanding, The second and third read is for finding unknown words and identifying key details.
- Practiced close reading to identify the main idea and details in various informational passages.
- The students finished their season opinion paper and started a new paper on anything they felt passionate about. Many picked their favorite sport, dessert, pet or dinner.
- Learned new word wall words
- Friendly letter writing to star student (Isabella)

Math:
- I can skip count forwards by 5 from any given number.
- I can skip count forwards and backwards by 10 and 100 from any given number.

Science:
- The students put their map skills to the test this week. They had to draw a map of the playground and hide a “buried treasure.”
- The students had to follow written directions and find various treasures around the school.

On the horizon:

October 10 - Columbus Day - NO SCHOOL
October 20 - Field Trip to see James and the Giant Peach
October 31: Halloween Parade and Party
November 1 - Parent Teacher Conferences
November 3 - Parent Teacher Conferences
November 4 - Institute Day - No School