

BOBCAT VIEW

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Dates to Remember

Upcoming events at CPS:

Feb. 7 - Early release day

Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day

Feb. 16-19 -- Winter Break

Math by numbers

Third and fourth grade math classes at Clinton Primary School have begun working on multiplication and division.

Third grade students have worked on multiplication and division facts, and parents are encouraged to help at home. Using flashcards, dice, dominoes, or other number-based game pieces, have your child multiply the numbers on the pieces. Have the student divide a group of objects such as coins into an equal number of groups.

Fourth grade students have begun working on dividing multi-digit numbers by a single digit number, with and without remainders. Parents can help by taking their student through each step in long division - divide, multiply, subtract, bring down, repeat.



Top Spellers

Clinton Primary School fourth grade classes battled it out in annual spelling competition recently to determine campus representatives to the Hempstead County Spelling Bee. Winners from CPS were Shelby Gleason, first place; Madison Phillips, second place; and Joelys Lopez, third place.

Art classes study O'Keeffe

Students in first through fourth grade art classes began a study about artist Georgia O'Keeffe, an American artist whose work



Literacy classes study different genres

Realistic fiction featuring characters and plots that could occur in everyday life has been the focus of third grade literacy. Settings are authentic, based upon familiar places in life such as home, school, office, or farm. Stories involve some type of conflict or problem, with elements including plot, character, setting and theme. Parents can help children identify story elements by asking:

- Who are the characters?
- What is the setting and how does it affect the plot?
- What problem do the characters face ?
- What are the key events?

Fourth grade classes have read "trickster tales," stories in which animals or other creatures talk, think, and act like people. One character, the « trickster, » uses clever pranks or traps to fool another character. Comparison and contrast are used to identify how things are alike and different in the stories. This requires the reader to think more deeply about what they are reading in order to make the comparisons..

Questions parents can ask:

- How are you and the main character alike or different ?
- What clue words does the author use to compare and contrast?

represented life in the American Southwest. Students watched a video of her life in the desert in New Mexico, and created collage art based upon O'Keeffe's love of flowers. Students used a variety of tissue squares to create a base for drawings of the flower outlines.

Kindergarten students began working on drawing a farm using large paper. The assignment emphasizes a single perspective, and students watched a video to learn how lines and the use of color can create a story.

Classes, then, added animals, trees and buildings to complete the project.

School Board Appreciation

Kindergarten students presented a program at the Jan. 25 Parent/Teacher Organization meeting which centered upon School Board Appreciation Month. The students also gave school board members in attendance a card of thanks for their service.

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