

# Fun in First Grade

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*Our participants at the Jog-a-thon and performers at the play "What is Art?"*

## Wrapping it Up...

**LANGUAGE ARTS** We have been reading fiction texts and determining the author's message in a story. We have examined a story's problem and solution to discover a story's theme and central message.

**Writer's Workshop** We have been focusing on writing fictional narrative. Our students have taken an experience that happened to them and transformed it into a story that happens to a make believe character. They are learning how to structure a story well by examining their characters and planning a problem, solution, and multiple attempts to solve the character's problem.



These realistic fictional narratives have been written in third person, using dialogue and description to communicate what the characters see and feel. Emphasis has been placed on writing conventions, especially ending punctuation.

**MATH** We have completed our units on money and time. Students have counted money using pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters. If your child still has trouble counting on with nickels and dimes from a quarter, please review at home. Students have also told time by the hour and written it two ways: in "o' clock" form and digital form. They have also told time by the half hour and identified "half past" and digitally with "\_\_:30."

**SOCIAL STUDIES/SCIENCE** We studied about habitats. We examined

deserts, pine forests, rainforests, oceans, ponds, and savannahs. We learned where these were located in the world, identified the plants and animals living there, and described the characteristics of these habitats. Each student chose a favorite

habitat and wrote a detailed report, complete with diagrams and table of contents. Come see them at Open House!

### Coming Up:

- Volunteer Tea 5-30
- Open House 6-6
- Bubble Day 6-18
- A Week that Matters 6-11 to 15
- Last Day of School 6-21
- Minimum Day



**THANK YOU**

We appreciate your donations of supplies to our friends in Kenya.



### Have a Safe and Happy Summer!

Please continue to read daily. At this point, your child should be reading a story to you most of the time. Happy Reading!



**Extra Challenge:** Learn to spell the high frequency words learned this year. Continue solving 20 math facts in 2 minutes.