

Kindergarten News

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Frog Expedition

Learning about the habitat of frogs has been going very well!!! This week we will continue to learn about frogs and how a healthy habitat can support

School day Endurance ☺

It takes a while for the kids to get used to the long school days. I am seeing more and more students keep their energy and attention for the entire day! They work hard during the day and should be tired after school, so keep their bedtime schedule regular and encourage them to eat healthy foods for

Sounds Mastery ~ Moving forward

This week I am asking that you and your child work on adding 10 new sounds to your current list. The goal is to have all 40 sounds mastered (known well and identified

Recycling

If you have any magazines or newspapers, send them to school with your child. We raise money for the student body through our recycling program.

Lost and Found

After 11 years, you would think I would no longer be surprised at how many sweatshirts, coats, and jackets are left unclaimed at school. I have asked both classes numerous times if they can identify a coat, sweater, or jacket that was left in class; the kids wont claim them. I took them all (about 15 total) to the lost and found table outside the office. PLEASE check to see if your child's clothes are there.

*** LABEL all mittens, coats, boots, snow pants, sweatshirts. Thank you!

"Mrs. Ellis wants you to know..."

I am a forever learner!

I believe that people learn best through experiences that are coupled with information, investigation, practice and fun!! Over the years I have spent teaching, I have learned in a multitude of ways. I received a graduate degree from a traditional university; I have attended numerous Expeditionary Learning Institutes, and visited Awesome E.L. schools to learn from some of the best teachers ever! I have also enjoyed Central Valley School District in-services and state workshops.

I know, however, that some of my best *learning* happened outside of a school! Just within the last year, I visited Europe, rafted the Colorado River (90 miles), and earned my scuba diving certification!! I learned SO much form each of these experiences! My goal for the kindergarten students is to have many in class and outdoor experiences to enrich their lives and make them love to learn anywhere they find themselves. We are off to a GREAT start!