

# MRS. MACDONALD'S INTERMEDIATE CLASSROOM

## Another Fast Week



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### Important Items

Last week was fantastic. Here is what we did:

- Students worked on Synonyms and made flipbooks with synonyms for common words like beautiful, cool, hot and so on...they did a great job. This week we will work on ANTONYMS.
- We worked on writing skills and cursive letters. We will continue introduce cursive letters to those new to cursive and reinforce cursive letters for those that have already been introduced. In the second trimester of school, (after the new year) I will expect to see cursive being used in daily writing.
- Math groups worked on renaming numbers and problem solving. We are learning how to read the story problems carefully to determine what math process needs to occur to solve the problem. Many of our Singapore math problems require two process in order to correctly solve the problem. This is fantastic practice and provides students with great skills for future problem solving activities. It also makes the IOWA TEST problem solving section very easy for students.
- This week we explored the Midwest Region of the United States. We learned more about the Gateway Arch...students asked if we could go there for a field trip. I would love to, but it is 6 hours away. Instead, a friend of mine just returned from St. Louis and brought back postcards for all the students. I told them how she felt like she was in a space capsule on the way up. It is a close landmark...you may want to visit there someday.
- I did scout out our next field trip this weekend. We will be going to the OHIO CAVERNS on November 15th. It is going to be very exciting for the class. It will take us about an hour and 15 minutes to get there. The tour takes 45 minutes, so I searched for a place to stop and get something to eat. Mr. MacDonald suggested the Urbana Airport Café... it is supposed to have the best pie in the area. The manager has agreed to help us out on this day and provide the banquet room for all of us. This way, if the weather is inclement we can eat indoors and as an added bonus- the kids can see another museum and watch planes take off and land at the airport. DETAILS WILL FOLLOW. I hope many of you can join us on this field trip. We are also planning for an overnight toward the end of the year at the zoo. It will be exciting as well.
- Our Library trip was very worthwhile. Thank you Mrs. Durbin, Mrs. Brandenberg, and Mrs. Sisco for driving and helping students use the DEWEY DECIMAL SYSTEM. We will be going again when we do our state reports.

- Parent Program on October 3rd at 7:00. We will be presenting songs about our studies of the regions and the Wild West.... Work will be on display in the classroom.
- Bring a blanket and use some bug spray for Wednesday evening.
- Thursday is dress like a cowboy or cowgirl day.
- Wear sneakers for our rodeo round-up.