

The Brettner Bulletin

News for the Week of May 14-18, 2018

Learning Focus

Math

This week, students explored three-dimensional shapes. We learned that three-dimensional shapes are solid shapes and that they have flat surfaces and vertices. Students practiced counting the number of flat surfaces and vertices. Some of the three-dimensional shapes that we learned about are: cube, rectangular prism, sphere, cone, and cylinder.

Science & Social Studies

This week we learned how young animals and plants are similar and different from their parents. We also began our animal research projects. Each student chose an animal to research and read a variety of books to learn more about the animal.

Reading

We practiced building and reading words with the diphthongs oi/oy and suffixes -er and -or. Our reading comprehension skill this week was main idea and summarizing. We read a variety of texts that focused on all of these skills.

Word Wall Words: against, goes, heavy, kinds, today

Writing

This week, we spent time reflecting on our year in first grade. We wrote a letter to the incoming kindergartners about what to expect in first grade. We also began thinking about the future and what second grade entails. We brainstormed and wrote questions we have about second grade and we took some time to write some goals we have.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

This week, we learned about fair ways to play. Inviting others to play and using fair ways to play are good days to make friends. The fair ways to play are sharing, trading, and taking turns.

At Home Practice

- Spelling Words & Challenge Words
- Counting by 10's, 5's, and 2's
- Addition/Subtraction Facts
- Reading and writing Dolch Words
- Tying shoe laces

Books We Read

Special News

- Library books are due
- No School Friday, May 25 - Teacher Institute Day
- No School Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day
- End of the Year Party - May 30
- Field Day - June 1
- Last Day of School - June 4



Second Step: Skills For Social and Academic Success

Unit 4: Problem Solving

Solving Problems:

Solving problems is a way to get along better with others. Problem solving is thinking about consequences. You need to calm down before you solve a problem.

The first step in solving a problem is to use words to describe the problem. The second step in solving a problem is to think of lots of solutions. The final step of problem solving is to pick the best solution.

Fair Ways to Play:

There are three Fair Ways to Play: play together, trade, and take turns.

Help your child practice these skills.

Say:

- May I play together with you?
- Let's play together.
- You can play with my toy for a while, while I play with yours.
- May I have a turn with that toy, please?
- You can play with the toy first this time. I will play with it first next time.

Do:

- Play together
- Trade
- Take turns

Inviting to Join In:

It is important for children to learn how to invite others to play. Inviting others to play is a good way to make friends. Inviting others to play helps everyone feel included.

Help your child practice these

Say:

- Do you want to play with me/us?
- That looks like fun.
- What are you doing with the _____?
- May I play too?

Do:

- Notice children that are not playing with anyone.
- Use a friendly voice to invite others to play you or ask to play with others.
- Watch what others are doing.
- Give ideas for play.

Handling Name-Calling:

It is not okay to call people names that hurt their feelings. If someone calls you a name, you can ignore the person or speak assertively. If the person doesn't stop calling you names you should tell a grown-up.

Alphabet Countdown

Thursday, April 26	Z	Zip Around the Playground
Friday, April 27	Y	Yeah for Book Buddies!
Monday, April 30	X	"X"tra Recess
Tuesday, May 1	W	Wild West Day
Wednesday, May 2	V	Very Cool Animals
Thursday, May 3	U	USA Day
Friday, May 4	T	Favorite "Team" Day
Monday, May 7	S	Star Wars Day
Tuesday, May 8	R	Reading Day
Wednesday, May 9	Q	Queen Day
Thursday, May 10	P	Pirate Day
Friday, May 11	O	Outrageous Hair Day
Monday, May 14	N	Nickname Day
Tuesday, May 15	M	Math Mania and Mustache Day
Wednesday, May 16	L	Lunch with Your Teacher Day
Thursday, May 17	K	King Day & Kindergarten Visitors
Friday, May 18	J	Jump into 2 nd Grade Day
Monday, May 21	I	Inside Out Day
Tuesday, May 22	H	Hat Day
Wednesday, May 23	G	Game Day
Thursday, May 24	F	Friendship Day
Tuesday, May 29	E	Exercise Day
Wednesday, May 30	D	Drop Everything and Party
Thursday, May 31	C	Character Day (dress as your favorite book character)
Friday, June 1	B	Bounce outside for Field Day
Monday, June 4	A	Adios to an Awesome Year

