



Dragon Class Newsletter



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Week 22: 1/22/18-1/26/18



Weekly News...

It was a busy week. We made a cool art project of four seasons and learned one sentence for each season. We read some books about each season and kept learning songs of the four seasons. We introduced one new poem about spring “春晓”. Please check out our class Weebly website for the YouTube video. We will continue learning about this poem next week. This Tuesday we celebrated our 100th day at school! It was a fun time and thank you for all the help from our parent volunteer. The same day we finished our Student-Led Family Conference. Thank you for coming and your continued support! For Kinder Math we learned about comparing numerous. For 1st Grade we kept learning strategies of subtraction and word problems. We keep practicing all the procedures and reinforce school wide expectations. If you have any questions, please contact us at jing@gala-prek8.org, john@gala-prek8.org or errin@gala-prek8.org. Thank you for all your support! Have a wonderful weekend!

Lu Laoshi

Chinese Words

We started to review all the Chinese characters we have learned since day one. Please practice with them by using the flash cards I sent home a while back. They should be able to read, write and know about the meaning.

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Phonics:

- Kindergarten: Handwriting and sentence building. Short vowel middle sounds.
- First Grade: Words with -oo and -ew

Writing/Literature:

Thinking about how we write about emotions in fiction, nonfiction, and poetry.

Books We Worked With:

Niko Draws a Feeling- A relatable book that acts as an introduction to abstract art: a young boy likes to draw things that people can't see such as sounds and feelings. This book opens up excellent discussions about art such as asking what words, colors or shapes you would use to recreate the feeling of warm sunshine on your face or the satisfaction of accomplishing a difficult task.

Bear Feels Scared- A book about fear and courage that uses rhyme to create a memorably lyrical story about why it's normal to feel afraid a times, and what we can do to help overcome those fears.

Reminders

- **Thank you for coming to the Family Conference! It was very successful!**
- **Homework math portion has changed to MUST DO and OPTIONAL two parts. The ones with a STAR is must do. The ones with a CIRCLE is optional. Feel free to let me know your feedback on the new homework policy.**
- **This week's homework for Kindergarten and First Grade are sent home on Friday and due on next Friday February 2.**
- Dragon class website is <http://galadragon.weebly.com/>
- You can search and join "GALAdragon" on **Quizlet.com** to find all the study sets at home. <https://quizlet.com/GALAdragon>