



R & B Record

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MATH UPDATE - This week in math we learned how rotating an array 90 degrees helps us learn *related facts* using the *commutative property of multiplication*. We also learned how to find the product of a more difficult multiplication fact by "chunking" arrays and finding the answer to two easier facts and then adding or subtracting our answers (the distributive property of multiplication). We continue to practice skip counting and using the "count-by" method to solve multiplication problems. We even sang a new version of Jingle Bells to help us with our multiples of 3! Next we will review for and complete our mid-module assessment. Keep up the good work with the math fact challenge! Thank you to all those who donated items from The Giving Tree to our classroom! Mrs. Reed ☺

ELA UPDATE- This week our class read *Nasreen's Secret School* and *That Book Woman*. We read and discussed the gist (central/main message) of each story and then worked on close reading to answer questions using details from the text. We also spent a lot of time working on the format of a paragraph. Our classes worked together to write 6 sentence paragraphs about *Nasreen's Secret School*. Next week we will read *That Book Woman*, *The Librarian of Basra*, and *Thank you, Mr. Faulker*. The 3rd graders will have their first assessment next week to measure how they independently use the skills that we have worked so hard on in class over the past 4 weeks. As always, please contact me with any questions you may have.

Mrs. Baxter

Other important information:

(September character trait-FRIENDSHIP)

- We attended a Pep Rally today put on by student athletes from SBU. A fun way to end up our week!
- We are enjoying having our SBU interns in our classroom each Tuesday and Thursday, Ms. Dailey and Ms. Meister.
- Don't forget that homework counts toward your child's grade this year, so completing and returning assignments, in a timely manner, is very important.

Lesson 3 - Adding -ed, -ing, -er, and -est

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| 1. angrier | 10. pleased |
| 2. easiest | 11. shopped |
| 3. emptied | 12. strangest |
| 4. freezing | 13. swimming |
| 5. funniest | 14. using |
| 6. getting | 15. worried |
| 7. greatest | Bonus words: |
| 8. heavier | happiest |
| 9. leaving | occurred |