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Math!

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Reminders

- **Veterans Day is Thursday November 11th. School is closed.** Thank a veteran for their service!
- Fall Festival is 11/13
- Homework is due on Tuesday!
- Breakfast is THE MOST IMPORTANT meal of the day. Please have your child eat a meal to keep them satiated and ready to learn.



Children are often eager to use computers for games and entertainment. If you are looking for math activities to supplement school work we recommend:

<http://www.mathplayground.com/>
<http://www.coolmath4kids.com/>
<http://www.setgame.com/set/index.html>
<http://www.figurethis.org/index.htm>
<http://www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org/aunty>

Readers' Workshop

Many students have been learning about historical events through reading. This gives students the chance to make inferences about the Author's purpose and character feelings. While reading non-fiction, students are learning to read for information. The link between reading to learn and writing is made as some students write paragraphs summarizing non-fiction books.

Math

We are stretching our minds to problem solve and understand number relationships. Some students are learning to make addition and subtraction 'rules' or combining 2 digit numbers. Students learn using concrete experiences before moving to abstract mental math. When working on homework ask your student if a number line, counters or another tool will help them. Try using some words associated with finding sums other than 'plus' try... total, in all, join, combine, all together, adding to, addend and add.

Science

How do the elements of a biome depend on each other? This is the question we will consider as we study life and Earth. We have a unique habitat here in Key West and students will study interdependency of plants, animals and earth.



Writers' Workshop

In the writing process creativity in word choice and punctuation makes stories come to life. Some students have been adding exclamation points, quotations and questions to give their writing pizzazz! Reaching into their imagination the Sea Turtles are creating fictional stories based on photographs taken in Africa. Going on a trip? Have your child take some photos and write in a journal each day to document the adventures.

