

YEAR 5 CLASSROOM NEWS

MAY 2019



MAY HIGHLIGHTS



ENGLISH

During May we focused on learning more about poetry. We've discussed the use of figurative language in poems and analyzed how authors use onomatopoeias, idioms, metaphors and similes. We then moved on to analyzing the structure of a poem together with the elements of poetry such as rhythm, rhyme, alliteration and meter (number of syllables in a line).

Now it's your turn...Label the rhyme scheme for the following poem:

The Cat

My cat is my best friend, (A)
I'll love her to the end. ()
If I'm upstairs or down, ()
She follows me around. ()

MATH

In Math, we took a break from our plan, to strengthen our knowledge on addition and subtraction with regrouping. Within this time, we also tested our knowledge of contents we had covered in the first months of school (area and perimeter, rounding up, etc.) We then moved on to our current unit which is measurement, focusing on measuring length. We worked in pairs to measure different body parts and then worked on different word problems involving units of measurement.

SCIENCE

In Science, we worked on learning about plants. We learned about the parts of a flowering plant, plant reproduction and pollination. At the beginning of our unit, we dissected a bean to discover what was inside. We also made beans grow to analyze the germination process. We are currently watching a documentary called "Wings of Life" which discusses pollination among other very interesting topics.

SOCIAL STUDIES

In Social Studies we focused on the continent we are living on: South America. We analyzed maps and countries of South America. We have now started a new unit on ancient civilization focusing on The Maya.

UP NEXT MONTH

SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES

- Continuation of our plant unit (covered over two months)
- Mayans and Aztecs and their cultural legacy

ENGLISH

- Poetry by significant poets (finishing our poetry unit)
- Reading and analyzing stories by significant children's writers, planning and writing our own story

MATH

- Finish Measurement unit
- Counting on and counting back
- Partition numbers
- Decimals