

# 4th Grade News

Feb. 26-Mar. 2

This week we took a break from our regular reading unit to learn about prefixes, suffixes, and how to summarize stories.

Prefixes and suffixes are letters that change the meaning of main or base words. There are many of each; for example one prefix is "re-". "re-" means again, so when added to the word play to make replay, it translates to play again. One suffix is "-able". "-able" means can be done, so when added to the word play to make playable, it translates to able to play.

We have also been reading small fiction stories to help us learn how to summarize. Summarizing a story means to choose the most important parts of the story, so we aren't retelling the story word for word. To help us do this, we are using the "Somebody wanted but so then" phrase. We are doing really great summaries since we learned to use this phrase.

We continue to work in

our Lent books every day and we even ask God to help us with something and put it into our Lenten box. These can be anywhere from asking to pray for someone, to help make better choices, or even to just have a good day. We took a test on Wednesday on all the information we learned about Lent.

We are also learning how to do more complex input-output box rules. Instead of saying in and out, we use variables  $x$  and  $y$ . We are having an interesting time learning these, and we are picking up on them quickly. Did you know this is a type of algebra? We can add, subtract, multiply and divide to figure out the answers to the boxes. We are solving problems such as:  $y = (10 - x) + (3x)$ . We can solve for  $y$  when we know what  $x$  is. Ask me to solve this problem, and tell me " $x$  is 3".

- Mrs. P and the 4th Graders!

## Spelling

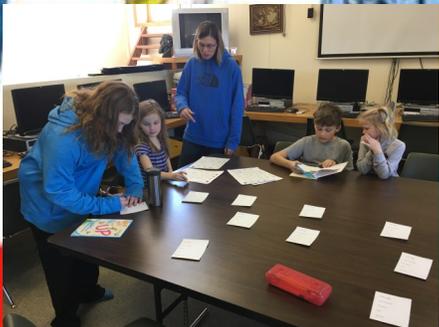
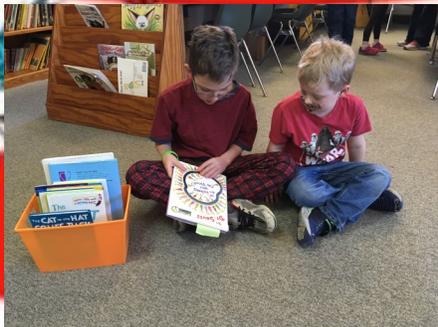
1. brother
2. together
3. dinner
4. popular
5. center
6. calendar
7. similar
8. regular
9. summer
10. clever
11. supper
12. pitcher
13. filter
14. hangar
15. never
16. shelter
17. cellar
18. caterpillar
19. theater
20. deliver
21. character
22. singular
23. receiver
24. spectacular
25. binocular

## NEXT WEEK:

- Mar. 5 Spring Pictures
  - Mar. 9 NO SCHOOL & Fish Fry
- FUTURE:
- Mar. 16 Fish Fry



**Reading to the 1st Graders during DEAR Time**



Dress Dr. Seuss Theme Day!





*Our Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library door won the Door Decorating Contest!!*

Happy Birthday Mrs. P

