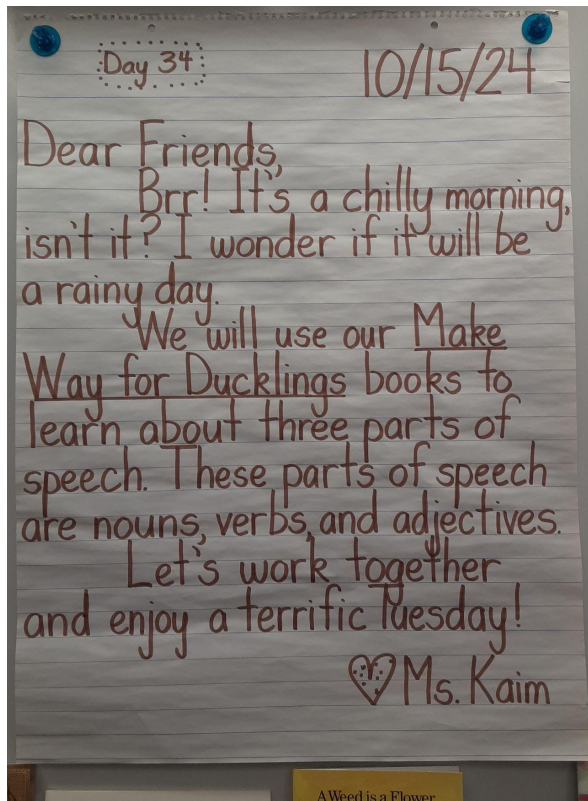
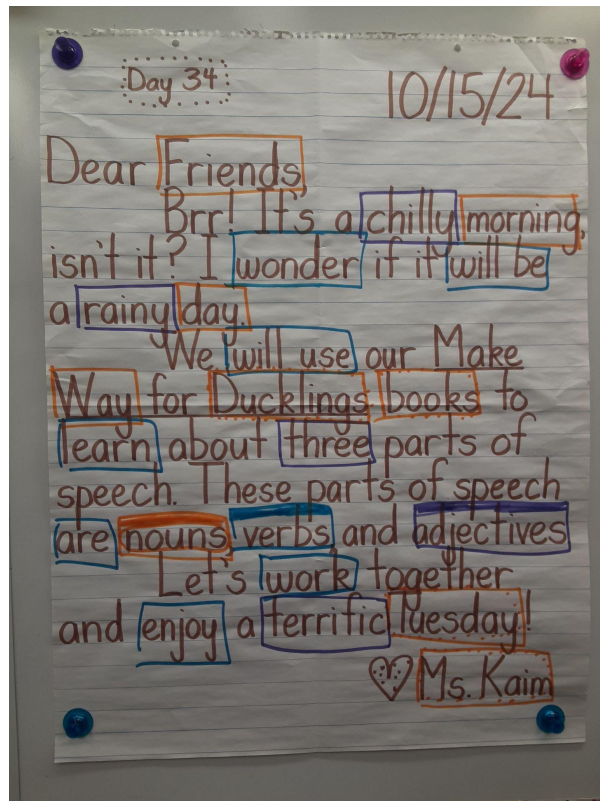


Day 34: Tuesday, October 15, 2024



Morning Message at 8:05



Morning Message at 10:05

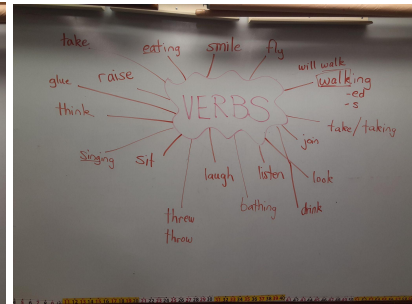
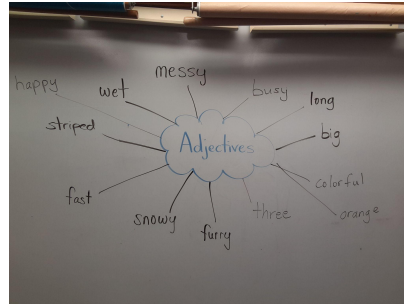
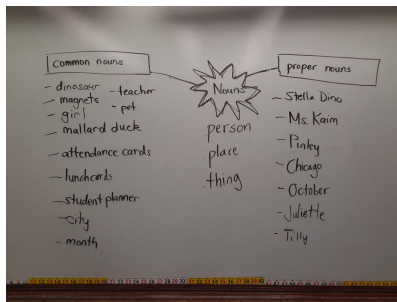
Happy Tuesday! The Fun Fact of the Day was: When the movie *Miracle on 34th Street* was released in 1947, the average price of a movie theater ticket was 15 cents. We also had a Fun Giggle of the Day: If you cut me, I won't cry, but you will. What am I? An onion!

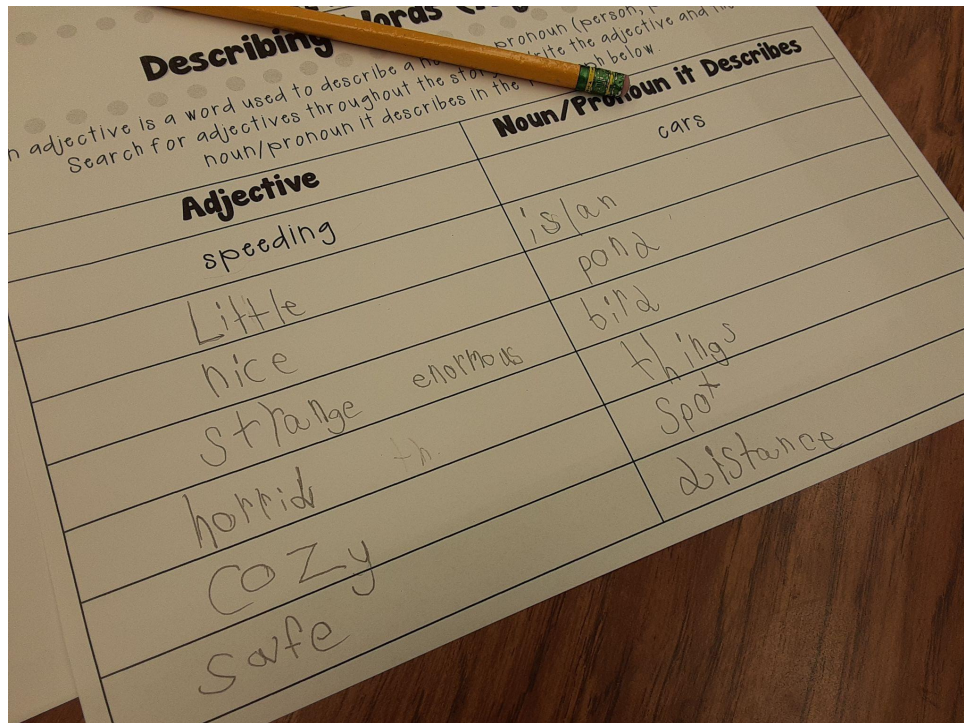
The Question of the Day was: Do you know what an adjective is? Remember that when you do not know something, it is okay to say so, friends! For Morning Work, the first graders used a template to create another 3-D shape, a triangular prism.

The morning's literacy lessons focused on the parts of speech, in particular nouns, verbs, and adjectives. First, we discussed nouns. Here's a bonus vintage [Schoolhouse Rock video clip](#) about nouns from Ms. Kaim's childhood. Watch it together at home and sing along! In class, we looked for examples of nouns in

our Make Ways for Ducklings books. Next, we did the same for adjectives. After this, we moved on to verbs. We even found quite a few nouns, adjectives, and verbs in today's morning message!

We noticed that the same word can be a different part of speech depending on how it is used. For example, the word *fly* could be a noun or a verb. In our story, the word *fly* was a verb. Ask your child to give you examples of each of the parts of speech we searched for today!





During today's math lesson, the first graders identified angles in two-dimensional shapes. They counted the number of angles and noticed that the number was the same as the number of sides and the number of vertices. For example, a triangle has three sides, three vertices, and three angles. The students also used their straightedges to draw sets of shapes with a certain number of angles. To draw two shapes with seven angles in all, it was necessary to draw a triangle and a quadrilateral. Ask your child to draw three shapes with eleven angles in all. Can he/she do it in two different ways?

Lunch recess was inside due to the rain. One of the May Do options for that time was to explore the materials about shapes in the math center. Many students chose to do this today. When recess ended, the students enjoyed storytime with the creative and thought-provoking book [Perfect Square](#). Parts of speech were obviously still on our minds because we found nouns, adjectives, and verbs in the story!

While the first graders worked in their *Homes Around the World* activity books, they took turns participating in a planting experience. We will celebrate Pumpkin Day in a little over a week, so today we planted pumpkin seeds! The

students each put soil in a little pot, tucked pumpkin seeds into the soil, and gave the seeds their first drink of water. The first graders watered the plants after returning to class following music. At this time, they also completed a phonics assessment about consonants. After school, the pumpkin plant pots were placed on a plant stand in our classroom. Now we have to wait and see if there will be pumpkin plants sprouting before Pumpkin Day!



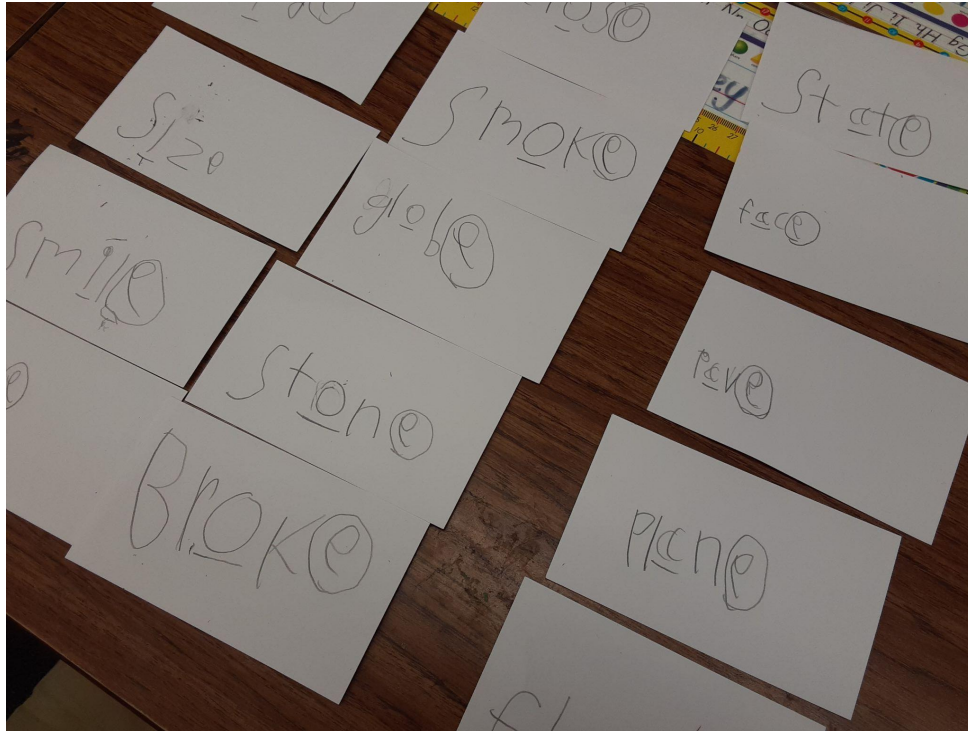








The introduction to this week's spelling theme was the final item on today's agenda. The [Unit 7 words](#) all follow the vowel-consonant-e pattern. In kindergarten, the silent e at the end of the word is commonly referred to as the sneaky e or magic e. As we chunked out each part of the word aloud, the first graders wrote it on an index card. They underlined the first vowel and circled the silent e. Early spellers often omit letters from consonant blends and digraphs. Many of this week's words include these letter partners. Be sure your child recognizes the letters that go together to make these sounds.



We will practice writing the letter s in our handwriting lesson tomorrow.

Parents, if the boxes you are bringing/sending to school tomorrow or Thursday are too cumbersome for your child to carry, please drop them off by the security desk at the main office for an adult to deliver to 104. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

- 10/16 Send in donations of [boxes and cartons](#)
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- 10/18 [Scholastic Book Club](#) Orders for October due today
- 10/21 [Book Character Pumpkin Contest](#) due date
- 10/24 [Pumpkin Day](#)
- 10/29 School Picture Day
- 10/31 [Halloween Celebration](#)

11/4 Parent Teacher Conference Day (no school for students)

11/5 Election Day (no school)

TBD Taste of North America

11/25 -11/29 Thanksgiving Break (no school)

12/3 School Picture Retake Day

12/13 Holiday Market

TBD Taste of South America

12/23 -1/3 Winter Break (no school)

1/20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school)

1/21 School Improvement Day (no school for students)

TBD Taste of Europe

2/11 Day 100

2/17 Presidents' Day (no school)

2/25 Professional Development Day (no school for students)

TBD Taste of Africa

TBD Taste of Asia

3/24 - 3/28 Spring Break (no school)

3/31 School Improvement Day (no school for students)

4/1 Parent Teacher Conferences (no school for students)

4/11 Bell Gala

4/18 Professional Development Day (no school for students)

TBD Taste of Australia

5/26 Memorial Day (no school)

TBD Taste of Antarctica

TBD End of Year Celebration

6/12 Last Day of School

