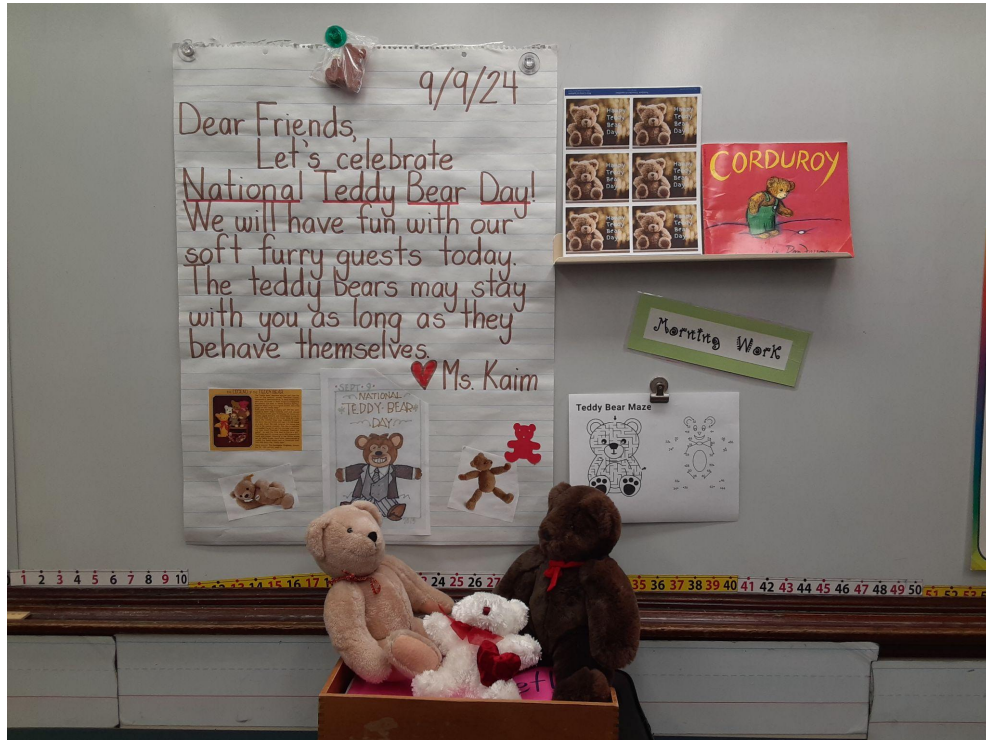


Day 10: Monday, September 9, 2024



Happy Monday! Happy National Teddy Bear Day! The fun fact for the day was: $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 = 10$. Our teddy bears joined us for the morning meeting and learned what it looks like to follow the rules at Bell School. 🧸



The first graders learned the history of the teddy bear. Ask your child to tell you the teddy bear's name story! The Question of the Day was: Is your teddy bear brown?



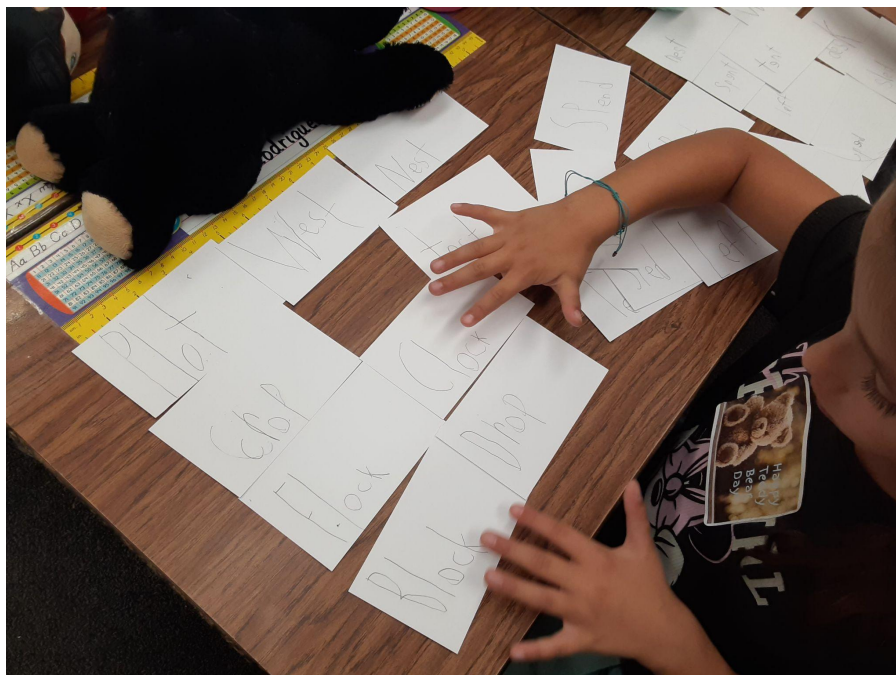
Today was our first mini library class. Ms. Aldrin read [School's First Day of School](#) and [Overdue: The Misadventures of Bob the Book](#). The first graders also checked out books for the first time this year.



In honor of National Teddy Bear Day, the students each received a teddy bear sticker. After library, they worked on today's morning work: a teddy bear maze and a connect-the-dots picture.



[This week's spelling words](#) contain the short o and the short e sounds. I introduced the words and we noted patterns that would help us spell them. The students wrote the words on index cards and sorted them by vowel sound. They then used the cards to play a matching game with their elbow partners. The Unit 2 cards were sent home.



Next, it was time to take the iReady math assessment. Mr. Chan, Ms. Seifert, and Ms. Anderson joined us to get the test started. Students wore their headphones and used iPads at their desks. We ran into more than a few technical difficulties that required us to put on our patience pants. As a result, we must return to the test on another day. The plan is for the first graders to take the iReady reading assessment on Thursday.



Before the Screens all Took Turns Freezing!

Following lunch, we moved on to Student Planner/Quiet Time. The smoother our transition back to the classroom is, the more time we have for Quiet Time. The first graders did well on this today. After reading with their individual humans, the teddy bears joined us on the rug for group storytime. They seemed to really enjoy the book [Corduroy](#)!

Next, I explained the [100 Page Book project](#) to the students. Some of my little friends already have thoughts regarding their book's possible subject matter. Choosing a topic is this week's must-do homework packet assignment.

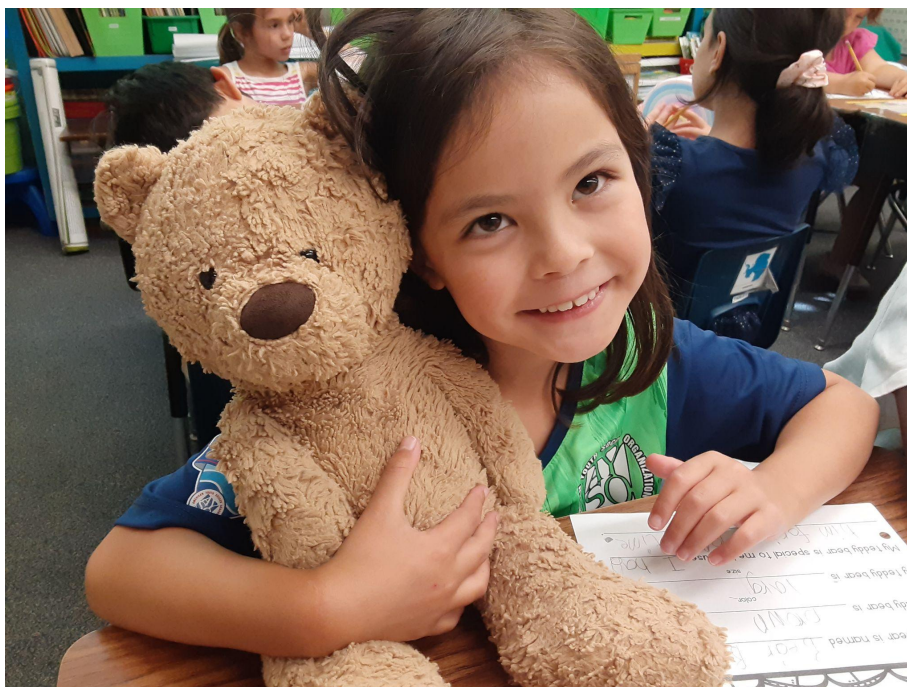
After this, the teddy bears were ready to join the first graders for a sorting and graphing activity. First, we decided on the topic of our graph: Teddy Bear Sizes. Then, we prepared the space with labels for the following categories: extra small, small, medium, large, and extra large. After this, the students took turns adding their teddy bears to the giant graph on the rug. Ask your child where he/she placed his/her teddy bear and what the final graph revealed!

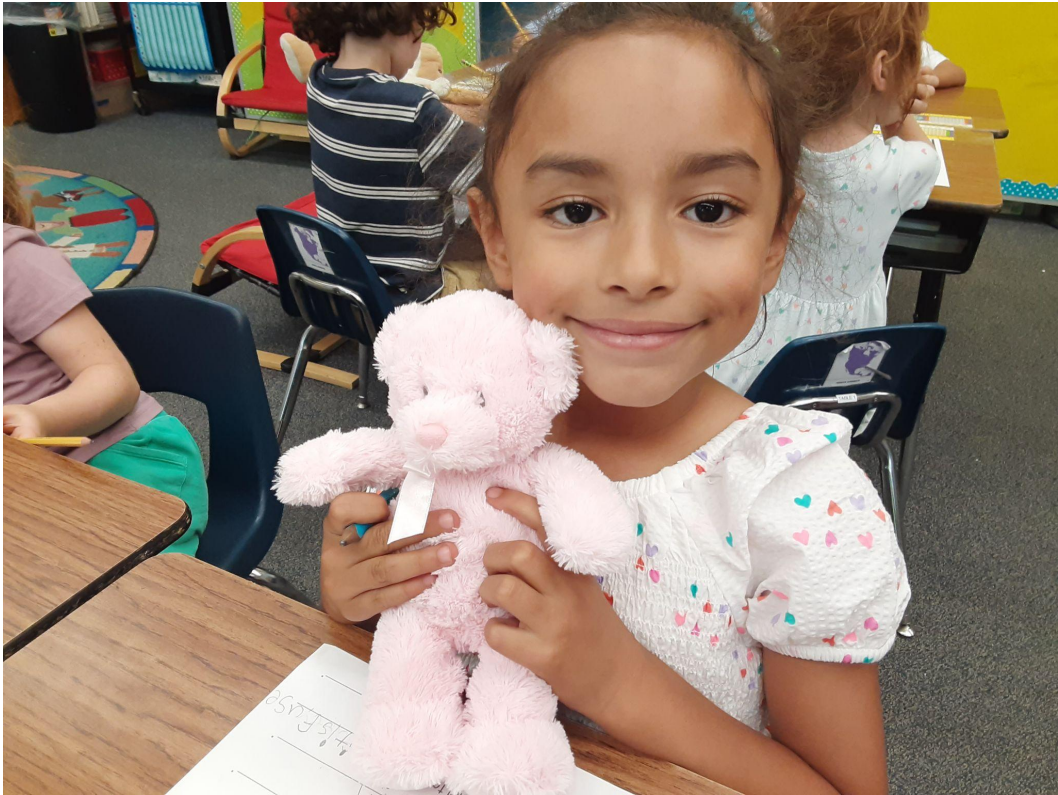


In the time remaining in the class period, we added our first lost tooth to the October column on our Tooth Charts. The students also received a [desk plan](#) to help keep their desks organized. This will remain in their red folders for easy reference. Next, Ms. Graziano came to 104 to start Health/PE. The first graders reviewed classroom expectations before heading outside to play.



Our next teddy bear activity involved each student thinking specifically about the features of his/her own teddy bear. In addition to their color and size, the first graders wrote the names of their bears and explained why they were special to them. They also drew and colored pictures of their teddy bears.





Our teddy bear guests were a sweet addition to our classroom today. I think they will all have happy memories of the time they spent in first grade!



Upcoming Events

9/11 LSC Meeting (6:30 pm)

9/12 [iReady BOY Testing](#)

9/12 K-4 Open House and Curriculum Night (5:30-7:30)

9/24 Options Parent Meeting (6:30-7:30)

9/26 Ladybug Day!

9/27 Prof. Dev. Day (no school for students)

10/10 Bell Walk

10/14 Indigenous Peoples' Day (no school)

TBD Pumpkin Day

10/29 School Picture Day

10/31 Halloween Assembly and Party

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