

## Math

Chapter I in math focuses on addition and subtraction properties and strategies. The students will learn the different patterns or structures within addition and subtraction. Understanding the properties being able to use the strategies can help students learn their addition and subtraction facts. The strategies that we are focusing on are doubles, near doubles, making a 10, and fact families.

### Class Dojo

A class-dojo report was sent home today. I was very proud of the students' progress this week! The students did a fabulous job of staying on task throughout the day and showed great teamwork! Please take the time to go over this report with your child and talk about the different areas. Praise them for the areas they excelled in and discuss how they can make better choices in other areas. Overall. everyone did a fantastic job!

## Writing

This week we finished our first unit in our writing program. This unit focused on procedures for working together and working in a responsible and respectful way. We read, BigMama's by Donald Crews. This is a true story the author wrote about his favorite place to visit as a child. The students then brainstormed ideas with each other on their favorite places before choosing one to draw and write about. The students did a great job drawing detailed pictures and describing why they enjoy the place they chose. Many of the students also volunteered to share their writing with the class.

These writing packets were sent home today, so you can enjoy their story. The back page of the packet has questions that we focused on in class related to their writing. The theme of being a part of a writing community will continue throughout the school year with the students reflecting on their experience.

# Reminders:

Assignment Notebook

Please remember to sign your child's assignment notebook each night.

#### Shoes

If your child does not know how to tie their shoes, please practice with them.

### Water Bottle

If you would like, your child can bring a water bottle to school. This will help eliminate trips to the water fountain while keeping them hydrated.

### Extras

Does your child have the following at school: indoor gym shoes, headphones, and an art smock?