

Mrs. Martin's Room
Room N5
Westlake Charter
School



October 12, 2012



Next week we will be going to Fog Willow Pumpkin Patch (on the 18th.) Please have students wear their school shirts they got yesterday (or a purple shirt) if you didn't order a school shirt. Also, please have them bring a lunch if you marked on the permission slip that they would.

We are starting to get into subtraction and general concepts and strategies of it. Here is a handy way to help your child remember...

More on the top?
No need to stop!
More on the floor?
Go next door and get 10 more!
Numbers the same?
Zero's the game

We hit a lot on understanding that subtraction is just the opposite of addition and the relationship that they have. We also focus a lot on counting backwards (such a great strategy!) and using fact families to understand as well as quickly do subtraction. Please make sure your child is fully grasping the concept of the strategy taught, not just subtracting on their fingers when doing the homework.

Class Website:
<http://MrsMartinsRoom.weebly.com>

Important Dates

10/13 Fall Festival 3pm-6pm
10/16 NWEA Testing
10/18 Field Trip Pumpkin Farm
Students WEAR PURPLE (we got our school shirts in)
10/18 Kai's Birthday
10/19 Leonardo's Birthday
10/23 Jacob's Birthday
10/23 NWEA Testing
10/31 Class Party 12:05-1:05
11/8 WCS Board Meeting
11/9 End of Trimester
11/9 WAVE Meeting 6:30pm
11/12 No School-Veteran's Day

Coming up!

Phonics Focus: short e and l blends
Spelling: Week 7 Words
Math: Subtraction!
Reading: Comparing and contrasting, fiction and non-fiction
Writing: Narrative and Transitions
Theme: Pumpkins and Bats
Star of the Week: Elijah

Items needed for upcoming unit:

* PVP pipes
* 4 white king size sheets
(our classroom will turn into "life long ago" and tables will turn into wagons)