

# What's News in Mrs. Deeren's class?

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Hello, Team! This week was a blur as expected. I am sure your families are adjusting to being back in school! I am impressed with the skills our students are already displaying! Next week we will be testing. It's important that the kids get lots of rest and good nutrition! Thank you so much for all your help on that end.

## **ELA (English Language Arts)**

This week and next we are learning about Narrative Non-fiction text. We are exploring what traits make this type of text, and students will get a chance to write their own autobiography! We are also practicing phonics and phonemic awareness by reviewing short vowel sounds and compound words. We are using dictation to practice spelling. The kids had fun quizzing their peers! I am placing a strong focus on vocabulary this year, to help strengthen comprehension in our readers.

## **Math**

This unit is all about skip counting and arrays to prepare students for an understanding of the relationship between addition and multiplication. One of the most helpful things you can do at home with your student is review addition, subtraction, and multiplication flashcards. Just 10 minutes a night helps so much! Without these skills, it will be difficult to move forward with more difficult mathematical concepts.

### Other good stuff

Snack calendars, and recorder forms have gone home. Please let me know if you still need these. The shuffle is real sometimes. LOL! I can't thank you enough for trusting me with your little learners. Enjoy your weekend!

Sincerely,

Kimberly Deeren