

Mr. Gruber's Class News

November, 2009

Reading: It was exciting to see so many people at conferences. There were some new faces among the familiar faces and we shared lots of useful information.

The most common topic of conversation was Accelerated Reader. Students often don't get off to a good start at the beginning of the year and spend the last half of the first trimester playing catch-up. Make sure you get a good start for the second trimester. That long winter break would be a good time to get lots of reading done.

Math: We finished Unit 2 which was a short study of geometry. We have now started Unit 3 which is a very long one with lots of different topics. It begins with a look at **equations** and **inequalities**, followed the steps of problem solving. We will study different kinds of problems including **change**, **collection**

and **comparison**, as well as the language that goes with them. Then we move to **place value** to the one hundred millions place.

Two methods of multi-digit addition will look familiar but have different names. A method called **new group** is the traditional way of adding and a method called **show sub-total** is the same as partial sums addition. The familiar method of multi-digit subtraction now uses the word **ungrouping**.

We will finish the unit by studying **estimating** and **data collection**.

Dates to Remember:

November:

26th and 27 – Thanksgiving No School

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