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Cherokee Enrichment

Kindergarten: In Kindergarten we've been working on the "Sunshine Math" series. These math exercises have us working on filling in missing patterns and numbers. 100's charts have also been fun. We've also begun working on story problems and drawing a picture to go with it. We've been playing math dice games, card games, and we all love "Math Mat."

In Language Arts we've read several stories, "Monster and the Baby," "I Learned From...," and "Mouskins Thanksgiving."

First Grade: In Math we've been working on the math strategy, "Making an Organized List." We're becoming very skilled in interpreting pictographs. We've worked with Tanagrams, turn around facts, mystery clue math workouts, place value, and money.

In Language Arts we've written and illustrated our own books. Some are about piggy banks, some are about cookies. The stories we read together were, "Hooway for Wodney Wat," "Anna's Secret Friend," and "Burnt Toast on Davenport Street." "Burnt Toast" taught us about making wishes, and then what can go wrong when the wishes are misunderstood!

Second Grade: In Math we've been very busy with the Math strategy, "Make and Organized List." We've worked with Pictographs, double-digit subtraction, number line, and crossword math problems. We're getting very good at showing our thinking with math story problems. We're enjoying our new math game, "Niktu."

In Language Arts we continue to read and discuss some fun stories. This month we've read, "Strega Nona's Harvest," "The Magical Drawings of Mooney B. Finch," and "Ramona." We continue to work on analogies and comprehension questions every class period.

Third Grade: In Math we've worked on the problem solving strategy, "Make a Table." We've worked on triple digit subtraction, rounding, logic problems, pictographs and interpreting bar graphs.

In Language Arts we finished our novel, "The Landry News." We took a break before our next novel and read several open-ended mystery stories where we had to do our own solving. One group also read the stories, "Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge," and "Henry Writes a Letter."