

Sheridan Enrichment
November 3, 2009

October has been a busy month for the enrichment groups at Sheridan. The kindergartners, first graders and second graders have made great strides and appear to be enjoying their enrichment time.

The kindergartners have been reading *Henry and Mudge* by Cynthia Rylant and focusing on sequencing the events of the story and understanding the characters. They have also read some silly Halloween books and developed more of the same literary elements. The kindergartners in math were thrilled to learn that they could read about math as well. Many books such as "A Dog's Day" and "Mr. Pig Earns a Dollar" introduce concepts of time and money in a fun interactive way.

The first graders at Sheridan have been learning how to research for more information about the rain forest. They have used the information to write acrostic poems about the rain forest and create a class book. In math, the first grade groups have been problem solving using time and money. Advanced skills such as elapsed time and giving change have been used to build on their strong foundation.

In second grade, the students have focused on writing narratives. They wrote narratives about their Halloween night, making sure to use a main idea sentence, at least 3 supporting events, and a strong closing sentence. The second graders in math have been working diligently on place value to the millions, addition and subtraction with regrouping, multiplication facts, and problem solving which incorporates all of these skills.

November is sure to be an eventful month with many more projects and higher level thinking skills introduced! Ask your child about the word puzzles in the room, for example, what does "dray" mean? Have fun!