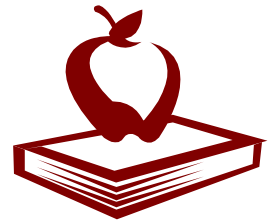


Burwell's Bulletin



January 20, 2012

This week our theme for reading, writing, and science was penguins. We started the week by making a list of the things we already knew about penguins. We read many nonfiction books on penguins and added our new knowledge to the chart. During our writing time, we looked at some of the features of nonfiction books. We focused on the table of contents and diagrams. The children used these conventions to write their own nonfiction book about penguins. They made their own table of contents, a penguin diagram, and three additional pages of factual information. Each page was given a subtitle, and we discussed how everything on that page had to correspond to the subtitle. The children were so proud of their first nonfiction book. They did an amazing job!

We also did a couple of experiments that demonstrated what we had learned about penguins. We read that penguins huddle together for warmth. We tried it out in the classroom and found that being on the inside of the huddle is very toasty. We also read that penguins have blubber to keep them warm. The children stuck one hand in a "blubber glove" while in ice water and learned that blubber really does keep you warm. We also put Vaseline on our hands and put them in water to see how the

water slides right off of the Vaseline, which is how water slides off the penguin's feathers due to the oil on them. It was a little messy, but we had a good time!

The sight words for this week were:

then, do, if

Next week's words will be:

will, each, these

The word families that we worked with this week were "-it" and "-in". Make a list of these words for your child to practice reading, or have your child try writing some.

On Friday, we had our monthly PBIS celebration. The children were treated to a movie on the big screen in the gym. We watched "Tangled".

Reminders:

Monday is our 100th day of school. Please make sure your child brings their collection of 100 items and remember that your child is encouraged to dress as a 100 year old person.