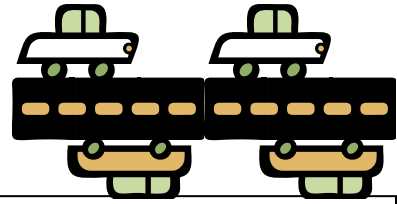


Jan 28 to Feb 1, 2008

THIS WEEK IN OUR CLASS...



In Science we continued our unit on states of matter. We looked at the difference between solids and liquids. Solids have fixed shapes, while liquids take the shape of their containers. This distinction grew a little muddy when looking at solids that behave like liquids. Solids that are powdered or granular like flour or sugar act like a liquid because they can be poured. To help break this misconception the class participated in an experiment where they continually broke a chunk of play dough into smaller and smaller pieces. Each time they broke the dough apart I asked them if it was still play dough and still a solid. The students caught on very quickly and discovered that breaking a solid into smaller parts doesn't change its identity.

To help encourage the children to stay focused on lessons, line up quietly, and listen to instructions, I have created a new reward system. We have placed a paper racetrack on the board and the goal, as a class, is to get to the finish line. The class earns vehicles to go on the road. The better the behaviour the bigger the vehicle! The treat at the end of the finish line is making ice cream!



This week was a busy week with lots of fun activities. On Tuesday we visited the Royal BC Museum and received a taste of 19th century life.



Wednesday was WACKY HAIR DAY, which was a blast. It was great to see all the different hair styles. Some students even went as far as shaving and dying their hair!!!

Valentine's Day is coming soon! If your child wishes to bring valentines please make sure there is one for each member of the class. I have attached a class list to help with this process.



Next Friday, February 8th, will be **Stuffed Animal Day!** All students are asked to bring their favourite stuffed animal. I will be bringing my care bear.

During math the class worked on writing and drawing multiplication sentences, (i.e. 2 "groups of" 6 = 12). The class was also introduced to the multiplication symbol, which makes writing the sentences shorter.