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Hopefully you have heard the exciting news about science. We have live larvae (caterpillars) in our room! We will be learning about the life cycle and observe like scientists as we answer these essential questions: How is a cycle like a pattern? How do living things grow and change during their life cycle?

Math: This week the students began their first week of “homework”. They were very excited to start being responsible and practice math at home. This week focused on number lines, writing and counting tallies, using a calendar and seeing numbers all around in our world.

Reading: The focus lessons this week were using the reading strategies of getting our mouth ready when we come to a word we don’t know and also using picture clues to see what would make sense. We read The New Butterfly and Breakfast for Pickles using those strategies. The students also are practicing shopping for “just right books”.

1. I should be interested in the book.
2. I should be able to read most of the words by myself and work to use my strategies to read the rest.
3. I should be able to think about the story as I read and be able to retell the story.
4. I should feel proud about what I am doing as a reader!

Writing: This week we really began being authors during our writer’s workshop. Students came up with great ideas about “what writers write”! Many began writing stories and drawing illustrations to match their words. It is very exciting to see.

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