



# Bear News

Mrs. Burkett's Weekly Newsletter

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## The Math Minute:

- Please practice the +5/-5 flash cards every day. There will be practice tests on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> and January 20<sup>th</sup>. The "real" test with the grade going in Progress Book will take place on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The vocabulary test for Topic 14 (Graphs) will take place on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. The words were in the December 2<sup>nd</sup> newsletter. I have included them again to assist with test preparation.

\* Data - Information you collect.

\* Tally Mark - What we use to record data. | - means 1.

 - means 5.

Students are taught "When 4 are standing tall, the 5<sup>th</sup> one takes a fall" to remember to slant the 5<sup>th</sup> tally mark.

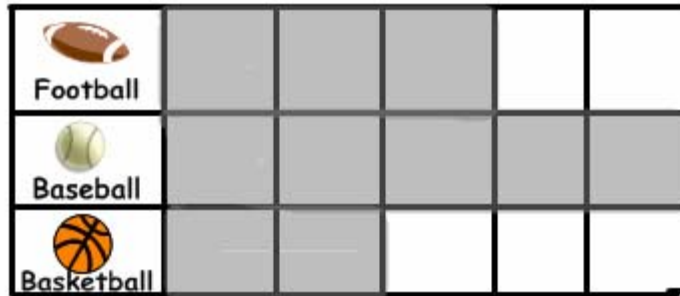
\* Picture Graph - A graph that uses pictures to show data.

Favorite Sports



\* Bar Graph - A graph that uses bars to show data.

Favorite Sports



- The test on Topic 14 will take place on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. A practice test and reteaching pages will go home on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. This will assist in the final study session prior to the test. For the test, the students need to be able to:
  - \* Read tally marks
  - \* Look at bar graphs and picture graphs and be able to answer questions about them. For example: How many fewer basketballs than footballs? How many more baseballs than footballs?
  - \* Pick out a sentence that tells about the graph.
  - \* Look at a tally chart and turn that information into a picture graph or a bar graph.
- For the state standards test, students must be able to look at a graph and write a question that the graph can answer. Then they need to answer the question they wrote. This skill is very difficult for some children. Below is a graph and examples of the types of questions students should be able to write.

Favorite Sports



- Which sport had the most votes?
- Which sport had the least votes?
- How many votes for football?
- How many more votes for baseball than football?
- How many fewer votes for basketball than football?
- How many children voted in all?

## The Social Studies Sampler:

- We have started our Past, Present and Future unit in social studies. Students will be comparing clothing, housing, jobs/chores, schooling, toys/games, transportation, technology and wants and needs of the past and the present. Students will have the opportunity to examine artifacts and then determine what this tells us about the past.

## Mrs. Burkett's Homeroom Happenings:

- We welcome Cooper Adams to our class! Cooper will be joining our class on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. This brings our total number of students back up to 25.
- Please make sure your child gets a good night's rest and eats breakfast on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. We take the STAR Reading test that day. We take the STAR Math test on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The Scholastic book order is due on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Ordering is optional. But if you do order, please remember I cannot accept cash. I need to have a check or money order made out to Scholastic Book Clubs.
- I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. A big thank you goes out to everyone who donated items for our Christmas Celebration. It was very much appreciated.

