

# Classroom Times

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## Monitor and Clarify

This week we are focusing on the strategy of monitor and clarify. When you monitor as you read, you stop to ask yourself if what you have read makes sense. You may then try to clarify what you have read by re-reading it. This strategy is also frequently used when determining the meaning of unknown words.



## Techie Thursday

Techie Thursday was a success last week. 10 students completed an activity and were able to eat lunch in the room. This week, if your child completes 1 activity using Destination Success at home AND makes one comment on the class blog, he/she will be allowed to eat in the classroom on Thursday. Mrs. Cowan will be showing all participants something special during lunch. We will check Thursday morning to see how many have complete activities. To comment on the blog, simply select an entry on the blog and then click the comment button underneath it. Your comment will appear once it has been approved. We hope to have many students joining us on Thursday.

## Proud Panther

Proud Panther enjoyed his journey this past week with Celine. He is now excited to be visiting Zachary this week. Zachary has been working very hard. Way to go Zach! If you have a moment, please check out his blog. He has already been to quite a few places.



## Volunteers

This is just a friendly reminder that parents are welcome to volunteer. Just give us a time when you are available and we will have something ready for you to do with the students, whether it is reading with a student or playing a learning game. You are also welcome to be a "Mystery Reader" as well. This is when you read a book to the class. Please feel free to contact us anytime. The students would love to have you come by for a visit.

**Important News Flash:** The homework will now be posted on the blog for your reference. The address for the blog is <http://mrscowansclass.blogspot.com>.

