## For the week ending October 3rd, 2014

# Ms. Lambes' News

# Highlights of Our Week

### Language Arts

We began *Encounter* by Jane Yolen on Tuesday. I have read the book aloud to the class. There is a video & a study guide on my website. I hope your child has talked to you about the book or told you about the video. We have discussed some of the similes in the book, & I've asked them higher level thinking questions (inferences). The students have completed an inference handout in class. It will integrate our new SS unit on Exploration.

In Writer's Workshop, the students finished their Native American reports. I will grade them this weekend. We will begin our explore project next. It will be unguided.

We have learned about capitalization skills, subject & predicate, dialogue, and different kinds of sentences to use in our writing. We are working on similes, metaphors, idioms, homophones, personification, verb tenses, and suffixes. We will learn about compound & complex sentences next. TEST 10/6/14

### Math

Please practice basic facts at home. Your child will be successful if they know their multiplication facts. They will not learn traditional multiplication until 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We will teach partial product and block area. I have videos on my website that we will use in class from learnzillion.com. I know how we teach math today is so different then how you learned in school.



Box Tops for Education!
Save your box tops for the contest! We are participating in a contest with other fourth grade classes!

www.boxtopsqeducation.com

Your child should read nightly for at least 20 minutes. Please listen to your child read and discuss the book when you have time to do this. This will help your child with fluency and comprehension.

Please check and sign your child's agenda daily.

### Social Studies

We are learning about 6 explorers over the next two weeks. These are the 6 explorers the students need to know: Christopher Columbus pgs. 103-107, 114-119 & 126; John Cabot pgs. 121- 122; Vasco Nunez de Balboa pg. 123; Juan Ponce de Leon pg. 129; Northwest passage p 139; Jacques Cartier pgs. 140-141; Henry Hudson pgs. 142-143

Remember studying nightly for 10 minutes will help your child be successful for quizzes & assessments.

### Science

We began our new unit on solar system this week. We talked about scientists using a telescope to view objects far away, listing the planets in order, and classifying the 8 planets as inner or outer planets. We are finishing up our data collecting on weather as well

We have guidance on every Monday for 5 more weeks with Mrs. Long.

Thank you, Mrs. Robling, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Mathieu, & Mrs. Blackard for helping our class out this week in the computer lab. I couldn't have done it without your support.

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Daily Lunch: 11:45-12:15

### **Upcoming Events**

Return Friday folders on Monday. Please sign and return the passport (conduct/effort) report in the Friday folder.

\*Grammar TEST: Sing Down the Moon is 10/6/14

Mulberry Reads at Barnes & Noble (Mall of GA) on Thursday, 10/9 at 6:30-7:30 PM.

Oct. 11th, Art Workshop for grades 3-5

Oct. 13th-17th Bus Drives Appreciation Week

Oct. 13th, Student Holiday

Oct. 15th, Picture Retakes

Oct. 16th, Chick-fil-A night (Dacula)

Mulberry's Parent's Night Out sponsored by the PTA is Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, from 6-10 PM -Excel Gymnastics.

Great Days of Service: We will be collecting toiletry items Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>.

Please make a card, write a poem, a letter, or draw an illustration for your bus driver.

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