

For the week ending
January 23rd, 2015

Highlights of Our Week

Ms. Lambes' News

Language Arts

The students have time to read each day in class. If the reading isn't completed in class then it's homework. **A grade will be taken from each chapter from now until the end of the book.** We are reading Chapters 5 & 6 next week in *The Keeping Room*. The students may need to read it more than once to grasp the comprehension or purpose of the book. The goal is to complete 2 chapters a week. The unit was written to be completed in 3 weeks. We have read Chapters 1-4.

In *Writer's Workshop*, Ms. Lambes reminded the students how important revising is in the writing process. The students will receive 3 grades on this piece. The students published their narrative piece this week. I will score it on the writing rubric this weekend. It was an unguided piece. We will review suffixes, subjects & predicates, verb tenses, synonyms & antonyms, & the different kinds of sentences, the differences between fragments, run-ons, & complete sentences. I taught articles, & prepositions.

Math

We are learning about multiplying fractions next week. The students will continue to do work on improper fractions and mixed numbers.

We won the Box Top competition!



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RACE is a strategy I learned from the Dacula Middle School. I've used this strategy in class for 3-4 years now. It works in math & in writing. We will work on writing in 3rd person instead of 1st person.

R - Restate the question

A - Answer the question

C - Cite with evidence using quotation marks or paraphrasing in their own words.

E - Explain with examples

Hamilton is going to county! Mulberry's spelling bee winner!

Social Studies

We began government in class on Friday. **This is the most difficult unit of the year.** The students will have a technology project to present to the class in February. The projects are due on different days. They are due the date assigned. The dates are scheduled based on topic and level of difficulty.

The students choose a topic in class on Friday. See the letter in the Friday Folder. **Please start the project at home because projects will be due the week of 2/3/15.** The 3 levels of gov., 3 branches, The Articles of Confederation, & Declaration of Independence will be the first to present to the class, followed by The New Jersey Plan, Virginia Plan, & The Great Compromise. **Due Dates will come home on Monday.**

Remember studying nightly for 10 to 15 minutes will help your child be successful on quizzes & assessments.

Science -

We began the fun unit of force & motion.

Upcoming Events

Math tutoring Tuesday morning 7:15-7:45.

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

We have a new student in our class from Miami, FL. Please welcome Joshua to our class. We now have 26 students if you send in a birthday treat.

4th Grade in school field trip STARLAB 2/13/15

Congrats to Hamilton & Tiffany for making it to the Oral Spelling Bee next week. (1/22/15) 8:30

A Great Book: *Streams to the River, River to the Sea a Novel of Sacajawea* by Scott O'Dell

Please check with your child to see if they need supplies at school. Many are in need of glue sticks, scissors, erasers, & folders (ripped).

The class list is located on the homework page of my website for Valentine's Day cards. We will share them in class on 2/13/14.

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