

For the week ending  
February 13th, 2015

# Highlights of Our Week

## Ms. Lambes' News

### Language Arts

We will finish with ***The Keeping Room*** next week. Chapters 11 & 12 are the assessments. The students will have 4 essay questions to finish our common core unit of study for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

Poetry will be our next unit of study. There's a lot of vocabulary and figurative language with this unit.

In **Writer's Workshop**, Ms. Lambes reminded the students how important revising is in the writing process. We reviewed suffixes this week. Also, the students worked on using the RACE strategy and complex sentences. We will continue to review subjects & predicts, 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 **turning fractions into decimals**. We will learn how to use a place value grid to record decimals & fractions to the tenths & hundredths. Also, we will compare and order decimals. We will move quickly through this unit. The hard unit on **geometry** will be next. **It's important that the students learn the vocabulary words with the geometry unit. This must be taught by March 9<sup>th</sup>.**



### Box Tops for Education!

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> person instead of 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

### Social Studies

#### Quiz 2/19

We are well into our **government unit. This is the most difficult unit of the year.** If your child wants to be successful then, I encourage them to discuss it, learn about it, or study nightly. They have already learned many concepts about government. Some students may need to make flash cards.

The students were given a study guide for their assessment on 2/24. We can't wait until the night before to learn the material because it's too much information.

**GOVERNMENT TEST IS 2/24/15!**

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

### Science -

We will learn about ecosystems which include food chains & food webs next week. We will begin a STEAM unit in March closer to the end of the quarter to conclude our simple machine unit. The students will have to work together and think critically to complete the task.

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

### 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.

**2/16 Student Holiday - President's Day!** Please complete the discussion questions (3) on eClass on 2/16/15, to earn 15 Bonus Points. I'll be on Monday morning responding back to you.

**Six Flag Reading Logs are due 2/24/15! Get a free ticket to Six Flags!**

**2/19 Career Day Dress for Success - Sunday's BEST - It's during the school day.**

**2/19 Bingo Night 6:00 PM - Please send in items.**

**2/25 & 2/26 Early Release (12:15 PM) Conferences - Thank you for signing up! Book Fair - We shop 2/24 at 10:50-11:15.**

Please sign up for a parent-teacher conference. Your child will lead their conference. The students will be sharing their reading level, narrative writing, & DDA scores with you at conferences.

Please email Ms. Lambes if you would like to read to the class on 3/2 during 10:00-11:20 AM. Also, let me know if you need a book.

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Daily Lunch:

11:45-12:15

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