

For the week ending
February 20th, 2015

Highlights of Our Week

Ms. Lambes' News

Language Arts

We are finished with [The Keeping Room](#).

We will begin poetry on Monday. Some students may struggle with this unit. The students will be writing poetry in class too. There's a lot of vocabulary and figurative language with this unit.

In *Writer's Workshop*, the students will continue to work on using the RACE strategy to complete the constructed responses, extended responses on the GA Milestones as well as the essay. Ms. Lambes will continue to remind students how important revising is in the writing process. 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. **TEST NEXT WEEK!** **Watch your child's agenda!** 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 9th.**



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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

Social Studies

We have learned all the concepts about America's government. Now it's time to show what we know. **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. 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. Our last science unit for the year will be adaptations. We will begin a STEAM unit in March closer to the end of the month 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.

3/13 will be our ice make up day. It's no longer a student holiday. Please mark your calendars.

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

2/19 Bingo Night - Thank you for the donations!

2/25 & 2/26 Early Release (12:15 PM)

Book Fair - We shop 2/24 at 10:50-11:15.

3/2 Read Across America - PJ Day - It's mostly a normal day in 4th grade.

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 to read.

Thank you for signing up for your parent-teacher conferences. I can't wait to see all of you next week, so you can hear how much your child has grown this school year.

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Daily Lunch:

11:45-12:15