

For the week ending
March 13th, 2015

Highlights of Our Week

Ms. Lambes' News

Language Arts

We will continue to write poems in class. **TEST 3/23/15**
The students are reading about westward expansion in class.

Mrs. Gierlach is reading [Little House in the Big Woods](#) to us on Tuesday & Thursday for westward expansion.

In **Writer's Workshop**, the students will continue to work on using the **RACE** strategy to complete the **constructed responses** (2 pts.), **extended responses** (4pts.) on the **GA Milestones** as well as the essay. The essay will be scored out of 7 pts. 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. Finally, we will review strong leads & conclusions in our writing.

Math

We are learning about measuring angles with a protractor and estimating angles without using a tool to measure them. I've decided to teach line plots, area & perimeter, & arcs of a circle before the massive measurement unit. Measurement will be the next unit. This is a very hard unit as its converting units of measurement in metric & customary. **The assessment will be 3/24/15.**



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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

GA Milestones begins on April 20th, 2015

Social Studies

We will continue to dig deeper with the westward expansion unit. **We have begun the reform movement. The students' are writing an essay on each person for an assessment grade. Next week, we will begin personal finances. The students will have a 10 question short answer test on these concepts on 3/31/15.**

A great book to read at home to help with westward expansion is [Streams to the River, River to the Sea a Novel of Sacajawea](#) by Scott O'Dell

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

Science -

We are learning about adaptations. Study the voc. words nightly. 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.

We will continue to use the RACE strategy in class, write paragraphs, & prepare for the GA Milestones that will be here before we know it.

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.

Report Cards go home on 3/23/15!

Principal Pastry Party 4/2/15

5/21 will be our snow make up day. It's a full day not half day. It will be the annual school picnic. Please mark your calendars.

Students check your grades weekly.

Please sign & return the 4th grade field trip permission slip ASAP.

Mrs. Abraham is looking for field day help on 5/1 & on 5/4. Please email her if you are available to help on one or both of these dates. Thank you!

The theme for Bully Prevention week is "My Future is Bright, No Bullies in Sight".

The Mulberry PTA will be taking orders for vinyl "Bricks" that will be placed permanently on the gym wall until March 31st. You will have the choice of whether your brick will display your family name or your child's name and the year they will be in 5th grade. Bricks will cost \$25 each and may be purchased for current or previous students of Mulberry. All funds raised through this project will be donated to the "Race to the Floor" campaign to install a new gym floor. Be sure to "Leave your mark at Mulberry" today!"

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Daily Lunch:

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