

For the week ending
March 6th, 2015

Highlights of Our Week

Ms. Lambes' News

Language Arts

We have begun poetry. The students will be writing poetry in class too. There's a lot of vocabulary and figurative language with this unit.

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.

Math

We are learning about *geometry* it's important that the students learn the vocabulary words with the geometry unit. It's a very hard unit. This must be taught by March 9th. The assessment is on Tuesday, March 10th.



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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 are learning about westward expansion. It's a huge unit. I would highly recommend the students studying nightly to be successful in this unit. 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 ecosystems which include food chains & food webs. Study the voc. words nightly. 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.

3rd Nine Weeks DDA schedule:

LA - Reading 3/9
Math 3/11
Science 3/10
Social Studies 3/12

4th grade field trip information will be coming home soon.

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.

Good Luck! Nina at Reader's Rally this Saturday!

3/13 will be our ice make up day. It's no longer a student holiday. Please mark your calendars.
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. Get all missing work to me by 3/6/15. End of quarter is 3/12.

3/12 Volleyball game 6:30 PM Dacula Middle School

Thank you for coming in for your parent-teacher conference.

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.

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Daily Lunch:

11:45-12:15