

For the week ending
September 12th, 2014

Highlights of Our Week

Ms. Lambes' News

Language Arts

We are well into *Sing Down the Moon*. The students will have a short quiz on Chapters 15-20 on Friday 9/19/14! We have had great discussions in class about the events in the book. **Ask your child about the Long Knives, soldiers, and warriors.** The students will be completing some assignments for grades or practice in class. We have learned new vocabulary words, context clues, theme or author's message, main idea, author's purpose, setting, predicting, steps in a process, comparing & contrasting, visualization, inference, and sequence of events. The students already have an emotional tie to the book. **Please make sure your child has their book or device at school every day.**

In Writer's Workshop, the students have researched on one of the Native American tribes they are learning about in Social Studies. We have learned about capitalization skills, subject & predicate, dialogue, and different kinds of sentences to use in our writing. We are working on similes.

Math

The addition & subtraction TEST will be coming 9/29/14. We spent 2 days in class working on a GA testlet together (problem solving). This will be a quick unit. Then, it's off to multiplication.

Please practice basic facts at home. Your child will be successful if they know their multiplication facts. They will not learn traditional multiplication until 5th grade. We will teach partial product and block area. I have videos on my website that we will use in class from mathzillion.com. I know how we teach math today is so different then how you learned in school.



Box Tops for Education!

Save your box tops for the contest! We are participating in a contest with other fourth grade classes!

www.boxtops4education.com

Your child should read nightly for at least 20 minutes. Please listen to your child read and discuss the book when you have time to do this. This will help your child with fluency and comprehension.

Please check and sign your child's agenda

Social Studies

We have finished the unit on Native Americans. The students will do a few review activities before their **assessment on 9/25/14.** We learned about the Inuit, Kwakiutl, Nez Perce, Hopi, Pawnee, & Seminole. The concepts that I will be teaching are the region/geography that they lived in, what the climate was in their region, what natural resources they used for shelter, food, clothing, & did the tribe migrate or were they a permanent settlement.

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

Science

The weather instruments were awesome. They are on display in the media center. Come check them out. We are about finished with the weather unit. The students have learned 4 different types of clouds and the type of weather that is associated with each one. They have learned about 6 weather instruments & what each one measures. We learned about precipitation, symbols on a map, and how to read weather maps. We will continue to read weather maps and apply the information on them. Next week, we will finish the weather unit by studying climates, & precipitation. **TEST is on 9/19/14!**

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Daily Lunch:

11:45-12:15

Upcoming Events

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

Parent-teacher conferences are 9/24 & 9/25! Early Release days! The students will be dismissed at 12:15 PM. Thank you for signing up!

Midterms came home today. Please sign them and return them to school on Monday in your child's red Friday folder.

**Sing Down the Moon Ch. 14-23 Part II TEST is on 9/26
Grammar TEST: Sing Down the Moon is 9/29/14**

The students will be receiving their prizes for the Boosterthon Fun Run the week of conferences.

*9/19/14 Silly Sock DAY
*PJ Day 9/26/14 &
Extra Recess Day

Happy Birthday Logan!

**9/18/14 PTA Movie
Night 6:00 or 6:30
Week 2 specials Music**