

For the week ending
September 5th, 2014

Highlights of Our Week

Ms. Lambes' News

Language Arts

We are well into *Sing Down the Moon*. The students will have an assessment next Tuesday on Chapters 1-13. I hadn't decided if I'm giving the short quiz on chapters 10-14 or if we will skip it. We have had great discussions in class about the events in the book. 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 will begin their research 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.

Math

We have begun the addition & subtraction unit. 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 daily.

Social Studies

We are learning about 6 Native American tribes. There isn't much information in the textbook, but my website has some great resources. For example, there are PowerPoints and web links. We will learn 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

We are learning about weather. The students have learned 4 different types of clouds and the type of weather that is associated with each one. They have also learned about 6 weather instruments & what each one measures. We will learn about precipitation, symbols on a map, and how to read weather maps next week. We will continue to read weather maps and apply the information on them.

Upcoming Events

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

Hamilton's birthday is next week!

Our Book Fair shopping day is 9/8/14 10:50-11:15
Grandparents Lunch 9/8/14 at 11:45-12:15

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

Midterms will come home next Friday 9/12/14!
Week 1 specials Discovery

Now it's time to collect our pledges. Thank you for helping our school get a new gym floor. We still have 5 students collecting their pledges.

Thank you, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Martin, and Mrs. Blackard for helping in the computer lab on 9/8/14. The students will be completing their research for the Native American tribe they chose last week.

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Daily Lunch:

11:45-12:15