



Reading



We are working in Unit 2 in reading this month, which focuses on doing the right thing. We are going out of our way to look for random acts of kindness and celebrate them. Each week students will read a different story in their text books, and reading tests will be given on Fridays. Students are encouraged to bring home their reading books to re-read the story on Thursday nights. Students can also access a snapshot of the story, activities, and questions by using Pearson Success at home.

Every Mondays I send home a “Family Times” sheet to give families an idea of what we are reading, grammar, and spelling as well as discussion topics and activities you can do with your child at home.

In addition to our regular reading text, we will continue the novel “Number the Stars”. Students will be reading this novel in class.

Students will be starting SSR (Silent Sustained Reading) for 15-20 minutes in the morning. Please remind your child to bring a silent reading book to class. We will be using this time to prepare for an upcoming book report. Details for this report will be sent home with the first November evaluation.

Writing/Language Arts



Students write every day. Currently students are working on organizing and writing answers to open response questions and five paragraph writing prompts, as well as writing a “how to” report. During writing students also learn and practice grammar and editing skills.

Spelling lists are given on Monday mornings. Students keep their spelling lists in their spelling journals, in their agendas and on Family Times, so they have access to their lists no matter where they are.

Your child can also practice spelling using Spelling City at home. It is a great tool with fun games that help with practice.

Math

Students will continue to multiply whole numbers and decimals. We will also be learning about measurement, conversion, line symmetry, congruence, and motion.

Please practice the multiplication process and facts at home with your child as needed.

Social Studies

Students will be studying the Maya, Aztec, and Inca tribes. They will also begin learning about the Vikings.

Notices for upcoming projects will be sent home to be signed in advance. This helps to keep all of us on track.

There is a test coming up on November 11th on Maps and Globes. Please refer to the study guide that will be sent home with your child during the first week of November.

Science

In science, we will finish up our unit on plants, and move on to energy and simple machines. Watch out for notices for future projects.



Reminders

- First term report cards go home this month.
- Evaluations are sent home on Mondays. Students should bring signed evaluations back on Tuesdays.
- Homework is an extension of class work, and is equally important in learning new skills. Please remember to check your child's agenda and homework daily.
- Check in with your child to see that he or she has an enjoyable silent reading book in class at all times.
- Any donations of tissues, hand soap, hand sanitizer, or disinfectant wipes for the classroom are always appreciated! 😊