

**Reading**

We are finishing up Unit 1 in reading and students will be taking their first benchmark test before we begin unit 2. Watch out for a study guide and updates in agenda books for this test.

Unit 2 focuses on doing the right thing. Students will link these stories to our PeaceBuilders program and gain a better understanding of the rewards of making good choices. 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.

On Mondays I will be sending home “Family Times” sheets to give families an idea of what we are reading, weekly concepts, grammar skills, spelling lists, and extension activities you can do with your child at home.

Look out for directions for a book report this month. More information will go home towards the middle of October.

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 personal narrative. During writing students also learn and practice grammar and editing skills.

This month students will also be writing a “How To” essay where they will write steps in a process and test out the final product with a buddy.

Spelling lists are given on Monday mornings. Students keep their spelling lists in their spelling journals, which stay in school, in their agendas, which go back and forth on a daily basis, and on the Monday “Family Times” sheet, to keep at home. Tests are on Fridays.

Math

We are finishing up chapter 2 in math, and after reviewing, will have a **test on October 8th**.

This month, students will then begin constructing and reading graphs, and studying mean, mode, median and range. In geometry, students will be classifying, constructing, and measuring lines and angles using a protractor. We will also begin to review multiplication of decimals.

Social Studies

Students will be learning and using map and globe skills. We will be constructing an ABC book on the vocabulary for this unit. A **rubric** will be sent home on Monday, **October 5th**. This project will be done in school and at home. Look for updates in your child's agenda.

Science

We have a science **test** coming up on plants on **October 7th**. Afterwards, we will continue to dig deeper our plant unit and then move on to energy.

Reminders

- Evaluations will continue be sent home on Mondays. Students should bring signed evaluations back on Tuesdays.
- Please ask your child about class rules and policies. If students are not following classroom rules they will be asked to fill out a “think sheet” which will be sent home to be signed the same day.
- 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.** If your child does not complete a homework assignment, a notice will be sent home.
- Any donations of disinfectant wipes for the classroom are always appreciated! 😊