

Reading

We are finishing up unit 3 in reading. Students will begin unit 4 the middle of January. The theme for unit 4 is “Puzzles and Mysteries”. The skills we will learn in unit 4 are compare and contrast, character and setting, graphic sources, and plot.

Reading tests are given each Friday. Students are encouraged to study their weekly vocabulary and re-read the story on Thursday nights. Each week we will alternate between a selection test and a fresh read. We will also have a midterm reading test this month.

Writing/Language

This month in grammar we will focus on irregular verbs and contractions. We will continue working on MCAS practice questions and open responses. We will also continue writing personal narratives.

Spelling pretests and lists are given on Mondays. Students should practice their words daily. Tests are given on Fridays.

Math

This month students will work on multiplying by 2 and 3 digits. We will also be multiplying 2 factors by 2 factors

and multiplying money. We will have the January quarterly exam at the end of the month.

Science

This month we will finish the unit on matter.

Social Studies

This month we will begin the unit on the Midwest region. There will be a study guide sent home before the test.

Reminders

- Please remember to check your child's agenda and homework folder daily.
- Please remember to sign your child's reading log each night. Your child needs to read for 25 minutes each night.
- Grades close on January 20, 2012.