



Reading



Students will have their first book report due on October 31. All information will be sent home for you to review the first week of Oct. They will be designing a book cover for the book they choose as well as writing a summary of the story and information about the author.

We have 1 more story in unit 1 to complete. Our ongoing unit theme has been Meeting Challenges in various ways. Look for the Family Times sheets each Monday in your child's home folder. It will explain each story, skill, vocabulary, grammar, and spelling for that week. It also has extension activities to do with your child at home. The theme for unit 2 is Doing the Right Thing. Which we will begin mid October. I'm also planning to start a class novel this month titled Night of the Twisters. Ask your child to explain the story to you. You're welcome to read it with them when they have it for homework.

Writing/Language Arts



Haiku poetry describes things around us in nature. Our class will create Haiku poems this month to display on our bulletin board for the season of

Fall. We have also written friendly letters. Right now we are working on “personal narratives” about a challenge they have faced in their lives. The students created wonderful time lines about themselves as well. In unit 2 the students will write a “how to” report. They will partner up with another student and see if they can follow the instructions properly. Some students in the past have made jewelry, games, crafts, etc... It is a lot of fun for everyone.

Math

Students will be making various types of graphs this month. We will also have some fun pumpkin observations (which might get a little messy). This is always a big hit! There will be a test on chapter 2 the week of the 10th. We will also create quadrilateral creatures. The class is learning to measure angles using protractors as well. We will also practice our multiplication facts on a regular basis. Please help your child memorize the facts through the 12 tables.

Social Studies

We have completed our unit on Maps and Globes. Students are now making a maps & globes picture book. They have also worked on how to read latitude and longitude lines. The next unit is Ancient Civilizations. We will study the Maya, Aztec, and Inca people.

Science

In our first unit we will study Rocks and Minerals. We will identify properties of minerals, the mohs scale of hardness, the rock cycle, and fossils.

Reminders

- Please remind your child that materials not needed for class should stay at home. Students should not be bringing in toys or objects that will distract them or others during learning time.
- Homework is an extension of class work, and is equally important in learning new skills. **Please remember to check your child's agenda**

and home folder daily! Some students have already come to school without homework completed, and have spent their recess time redoing it. This is not a good way to start off the year.

- Study Island is up and running. Children should be spending some time at home logging on to practice ELA, Math, and Science for the MCAS test next Spring.
- Spellingcity.com is another website we have been using. Students can also access this site from home to practice their weekly spelling words. Another great site is funbrain.com for practice with math skills, and dancemattyping.com for typing practice. Students can access pearsonsuccess.com as well. This site goes along with our reading series, and they can practice weekly skills they learn in class. One more site we've been using is ixl.com, this site reinforces math skills we've been learning, and it also can be accessed from home.
- Book orders will go home Oct.4th and need to be returned by Oct.11th.