

10-13-23

Math

I just can't get over how quickly the school year is progressing! The end of next week will be the end of the first marking period. That is crazy! I think that we are done with the 80-degree days, so onto the rainy, soggy, overcast days ☹️. Please remind your child to dress in layers for the classroom. Sometimes our room gets chilly since we never get direct sunlight.

Writing/Reading

We began Unit 2 in our Wonders books. We are back to studying Expository Text. Students will learn about animal adaptations and how animals survive in all different climates.

Students did 2 types of writing in a short time. The first narrative piece was longer, and the argumentative (recess) piece was shorter. We will be working on several skills all year long. I want kids to write in complete sentences, write words as they are supposed to be written (with no capital letters in the middle of a word or at the beginning if it doesn't belong), and to write complete thoughts in one sentence.

Spelling will resume this coming Monday Oct 16th. An email with the words will be coming home Monday morning.

I also am expecting kids to read for 30 minutes each night. It can be broken up throughout the day, but please try to have your child read 15 minutes aloud to you and then 15 independently. This will help improve your child's stamina and will help expand his/her vocabulary and knowledge base and fluency.

Our new unit on Multiplication and Division is underway. We are 8 lessons in as of today. It is going quite smoothly for the majority of my students. Please remember that I work on the process of multi-digit multiplication, so we are building skills up to that. I am teaching strategies for accessing multiplication facts if kids do not own all of them yet. I encourage kids to write the whole list of multiplication facts along the margin of the paper for ones that are the trickiest (6's, 7's, and 8's) It looks like:

$$1 \times 6 = 6$$

$$2 \times 6 = 12$$

$$3 \times 6 = 18 \text{ etc.}$$

Please be sure that your child is doing his/her math homework every night. This will really help in the long run because your child is getting two opportunities each day to solidify the concept that was taught that day. It also keeps you informed as to what is taught in the classroom. If you have questions about Math, please reach out. I know that it can be tricky figuring out exactly what the questions are asking.

Science

We took part of the *Mystery of Rocks* unit test today and will finish on Monday. It has been fun learning about volcanoes, root wedging and ice wedging, the rock layers, about whether mountains will last forever and lastly about landslides.

Up next will be our Government Unit and Science will take a short break.

Dates to Remember

10-20-23- ½ Day of school; Teacher PD
10-23-23-No school, Fall Break
10-31-23-Halloween party 2:30-3:30
11-1-23 Half Day School & Conferences
11-2-23 Conferences 4:00-6:30 (sign-up coming out soon)

Standing Specials

Monday- PE 2:25-3:15 Tuesday-Technology 2:25-3:15 Wednesday-Music 2:25-3:15 Thursday-STEAM 2:25-3:15, Friday-PE 2:25-3:15

If you ever have questions about how or what your child is doing in class, please feel free to call, email, or write me a note. Have a great couple of weeks! My phone number at school is **794-4766**, and at home **794-3888**.



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