

11-17-23

How many of you are DONE raking leaves? I am, but it is always bittersweet raking because that means that we are embarking upon some dreary, cold, yucky upcoming weather! But, on the bright side, the weather is still quite mild! Enjoy the last few true weeks of fall.

Writing/Reading

We are just finishing our last unit of poetry. We have read a great deal of different types of poetry. I have read 2-chapter poetry books to the kids titled *Love That Dog*, and *Hate That Cat*. Both books are written by Sharon Creech and are written from the perspective of a fourth-grade boy. The poems that Jack writes/experiences are a yearlong journey of his feeling and view of poetry and how he progresses through that learning. I tied these 2 read alouds to our unit because it aids in our understanding, and the unit is only one week long.

Next week, we will be reviewing all three of the genres (Expository, Drama and Poetry). **As a reminder, there will be NO spelling and grammar next week as it is the review week (week 6).**

Math

Students are still working through the process of long division, and many have gotten it. We repeat the process MANY times a day, and it has helped. Please check in with your child and write a problem to see if he/she can solve it.

The wording I use is as follows:

Division is all in the family:

Dad – Divide

Mom- Multiply

Sister- Subtract

Brother- Bring down

Rover- Remainder

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:

$$1 \times 6 = 6$$

$$2 \times 6 = 12$$

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

Continuing with this practice at the start of the assignment helps kids be able to move through the division with ease because they don't have to re-figure out each of the math facts that they aren't strong with, and it can free up brain solving space. Division is just backwards multiplication, so if they have those facts down, the division can be turned into a multiplication problem.

When we return from break, we will have about 8 lessons left before we test. We will be learning the process of how to multiply two-digit numbers by two-digit numbers (JUST LIKE WE ALL LEARNED IT MANY YEARS AGO 😊). If you are able to start to challenge your child with some double-digit problems, please feel free to challenge away!

Social Studies

We are DONE with our Government study, and it finished up just in time for us to be ready to visit the Capitol! We will come back to Science after Thanksgiving Break

Thanksgiving Food Drive

A big thanks to those that were able to donate to our school food drive! We have such amazing family support. Please enjoy the break with your families and enjoy all the things that we all must be thankful for.

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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

Dates to Remember

11-22/24-23- Thanksgiving Break
12-5-Lansing Capitol Trip
12-22-23-Half day students
12-25-23/1-5-23-Holiday Break

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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