

8-25-23

We have had such a beautiful start to our school year, quite warm and muggy, but good! We are into our routines and the kids are meeting (and exceeding) my expectations. It is crazy to me that we will be beginning week 2 next week!

Writing/Reading

We have done a great deal of building up our stamina for reading. Between read alouds, and independent reading, kids have gotten the opportunity to choose books that are "Good Fit" books for them. If you wonder what that means, ask your child to "teach" you what it means.

My rule for good fit books is to have a book open to the first page, and if your child makes 5 errors (either pronunciation, not knowing a word, or skipping words) then the book is NOT a good fit for them. I really want your child to be interested in what he/she is reading, so please encourage your child to be choosing books that are just right.

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 independently. This will help improve your child's stamina and will help expand his/her vocabulary and knowledge base and fluency.

Math

We are 4 lessons into our Place Value unit, out of 19. We are studying place values, the standard form of numbers, expanded form, word form and unit form. We will also be rounding to the nearest place value (these become most difficult when it comes to the thousands, ten-thousands and hundred thousands), and borrowing multiple times in a subtraction problem. **Any help that you can give**

your child with problems like these is greatly appreciated!

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 being 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.

Another request is that you begin to work with your child to master his/her multiplication facts. We will become heavily dependent on "knowing" them so that your child does not have to work as hard when we get to the multiplication unit in early October. Having the facts memorized will help free up thinking about how to solve a multi-digit multiplication problem. We can focus on process not fact figuring AND process.

Thank you in advance, your child and I thank you. I am really trying to avoid many tears and frustration on your child's part (and maybe yours too) later!

Science

We will begin our study of rocks over the next few weeks. The unit is titled: "The Birth of Rocks." In our intro to rocks, we will discover where volcanoes are located around the globe, and we will be able to determine why they exist where they do. It should be fascinating to study.

It just so happens that our reading unit will also teach about natural disasters, so kids will get a chance to "double dip" their learning 😊

Online Registration

If you have not updated your child's information in the Skyward system, please do so as soon as possible. If you are having trouble with your Skyward Login, please contact our technology department at 794-4552.

Big Thanks!

I wanted to thank everyone that donated supplies for our classroom. I genuinely appreciate your generosity.

As of now, we are set with tissues, baggies, and Clorox wipes, but I will absolutely let you know when we need supplies! Thank you again!

EMAIL ADDRESSES

If I do not have your updated email address, it is possible that you might miss information from me. I like to use our Skyward messenger system to stay connected with parents, and this is the easiest way. If you are not receiving my notifications, please write me a note with your preferred email address and I can have the office make the change. Thank you!!

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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