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To say that we are about to begin week 7 is mind blowing to me! I can't believe that we are already this far into the school year. Please send your child in layers, as the mornings are chilly, and the afternoons are warmer, and sometimes our classroom gets chilly. This next week might be the last of our wonderfully warm weather.

Writing/Reading

We completed our Realistic Fiction study this week and will be moving on to Argumentative Text. Argumentative text is fun to teach because it teaches kids to take a stance on something and have reasons to support why kids chose what they chose. We will not only read about this topic, but kids will be able to write an argumentative piece and include support about why they feel the way that they do.

After this next week (week 5), we will take a break on spelling for one week, as the Wonders unit uses week 6 as a summary of what was learned in the 3 genres we studied (Explanatory text, Realistic Fiction and Argumentative Text). We will review all of these and the following week, spelling will resume. I will send out the new words for the next 5 weeks on Monday, October 9. I do this in one email, to help cut down on the number of emails, and it makes it easier for you to find. I will also send a copy of the words home on Mondays for that week's spelling patterns. These lists are to help you quiz your child on his/her spelling words at home. There is no need to send that paper back in 😊.

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.

Math

This week, we finished our very short unit on Metric Conversions. The unit was only 5 lessons long, and we will take the practice test on Monday, and test on Tuesday.

The Multiplication and Division unit begins on Wednesday of next week, October 6th. Please remember that I teach the process of multi-digit multiplication and division. I do not give time in class to work on memorizing individual math facts. There are several fantastic apps out there for tablets and phones to help practice individual math facts. The more facts that kids "own" makes the solving of multi-digit problems much more attainable.

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.

Science

The last few weeks we have focused on how weathering and erosion have affected our rocks and mountains, and how root wedging and ice wedging break apart rocks. Kids were fascinated by this and should be able to teach you what they have learned.

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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.

Mobile Dentist

The mobile dentist has extended the applications until September 22nd! If you would like to have your child see the mobile dentist, please still send in the form!

Dates to Remember

10-20-23- ½ Day of school; Teacher PD
10-23-23-No school, Fall Break

Goal Week Papers

Today I sent home all your child's data collected so far this school year. Together, we looked at the NWEA scores, and reviewed AR goals. We are planning to work hard to improve all scores when we retest again before Christmas.

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.



~Leanne Feuerstein

