



C.U.S.D. # 202
Schiesher Elementary School



Mrs. Hicks
Room 18

News in Mrs. Hicks' Room for the Week of October 3, 2011

Homeroom: Picture retakes are on Thursday, October 6th. There is no school on Friday, October 7th or Monday, October 10th. Enjoy the long weekend!

Math: We will continue Topic 1, Numeration this week. This involves concepts such as place value, rounding, and working with money. In addition, we'll begin learning and taking timed quizzes on our multiplication basic facts (not for a grade, but to test out of each times table). Please practice these at home.

Language Arts: We will have another shared reading selection from our Making Meaning program. During language arts time we are learning how to share with a partner and communicate about what we are reading. I will also begin assessing each student in reading using a program called Running Records. Each student will read out loud to me and answer questions about the text. This will help me to learn what reading level each student is at so that I can begin forming guided reading groups. I will continue with last week's spelling sort and the test will be on THURSDAY. We also will continue to learn new vocabulary by studying the root/stem "port." There will be a quiz over these words containing the root port next week, so students will have two weeks to study these words. Remember to turn in your reading log on THURSDAY!

Science: We will continue to learn about simple machines this week. We will continue investigating force, friction and motion.

Social Studies: We will continue to learn about Illinois. As we learn about Illinois we will study the geography, facts, recreation, and history of Illinois. We have also chosen states to research for a project. Students should begin by gathering information about their chosen states. We have written and sent letters to our states requesting information, however additional research is needed. Any information that will be included on the project should be recorded on the "Category List." We are modeling this process in class as we learn about Illinois. In addition to this, there will be a quiz over the map of Illinois on Thursday. A study sheet identical to the quiz will be sent home on Tuesday. Students need to know the following geographic features:

1. Bordering states
2. Ohio River
3. Wabash River
4. Mississippi River

5. Illinois River
6. Kaskaskia River
7. Chicago
8. Springfield
9. Lake Michigan
10. Be able to identify the locations of these land forms:
 - Shawnee Hills
 - Rocky Highlands/Charles Mound
 - Hills
 - Prairie

Other Reminders: Students should wear blue to show support for our Character Counts program next Friday, October 14th. If you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. My email is dhicks@lisle202.org.