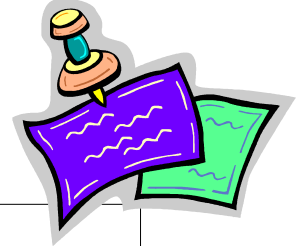


# KEEPING IN TOUCH

October 24, 2011



## Week in Review

### MS. MCTIGHE'S CLASSES

#### Reading

We are working on our last activity for Bloom's Taxonomy. We all feel like we know much more about asking higher level questions because of our work. Now our goal is to ask those questions throughout the school year in reading. We will be finishing fractured fairy tales where we wrote six levels of questions and sharing them with others to see if we did them correctly. We will start a novel this week, *The Indian in the Cupboard*, (at last!). This will be the model novel for how to do in-depth literature circles or book clubs. Hopefully, this will help students to understand how to discuss a book with questions that will make the discussion interesting. We will continue our work on our Word-Masters words. A packet will be sent home with definitions and important information about each word. Students will make flash cards to help them study for a quiz that I will give. An adventure book with a worksheet and one prompt is due Thursday, 10-27.

#### Math

This week we will continue our unit on place value. We'll be working on comparing large numbers and rounding. There will be a quiz on these skills at the end of the week. We will be doing problem solving this week, too. In math stations we will continue to work on basic facts, My Skills Tutor, Hands-On Equations (algebra), and a new station on measurement. We will be doing only one basic fact table this week:  $\times 6$ . We will do  $\div 6$  next week. We're doing the more difficult tables from now on so any practice at home that you can do will be a great help!

### This Week at a Glance

**Science...**  
Food Chains and Webs

**Social Studies...**  
Illinois History

**In the Spotlight...**  
*Ben and Elizabeth*

**Writing...**  
Extended Response

**Important Dates...**  
**October 31**-Halloween Parade 10:30  
Halloween Parties will follow the parade.  
Early Dismissal at 11:45.  
**November 1**- State Projects, category lists and bibliographies are due.

#### Notes:

Everyone is invited to our annual Halloween Parade on Monday, October 31st at 10:30 a.m. If the weather cooperates, we will have our Halloween parade outside on the pavement around the playground. If the weather does not cooperate, visitors may go to the gymnasium and we will have the parade pass through for you to view. Dismissal is at 11:45.



### MRS. STEFANI'S CLASSES

#### Reading

During the next few weeks the students will be analyzing text structure using fiction and narrative nonfiction. They will explore character, setting, plot and conflict. They will also continue to use questioning to help them make sense of the text and think about whether their questions are answered explicitly or implicitly. Socially, they will practice agreeing and disagreeing in caring ways and use prompts to add to their partner's thinking.

The contest ends on November 9th, so please take a look at the totals that are coming home today in the assignment notebooks to see how your children are doing regarding their goal. Many of them have met if not surpassed their

#### Math

We are continuing to focus on long multiplication. The students are asked to make magnitude estimates first before solving any problem. That seems to be particularly helpful when they are working with decimals or if they have forgotten a place marker. As I am working with the students, it seems that most of them understand the steps in long multiplication, but some students are making careless multiplication and addition errors as they work. Any additional basic fact practice you could give at home would be great! Tomorrow I will introduce a lattice method for multiplying. We will practice many problems in class and after Tuesday night's homework, the students will have the option to use the method that works best for them. Work on the School Store also continues this week.