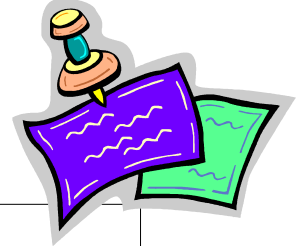


KEEPING IN TOUCH

October 3, 2011



Week in Review

MS. MCTIGHE'S CLASSES

Reading

This week we will continue to work on Bloom's Taxonomy. It takes a long time to do the activities that we are doing to learn the differences between each level. We will finish these initial activities this week by working on the Analysis, Synthesis, and Evaluation Levels. Because it is taking longer to do this work, we didn't start *The Indian in the Cupboard* yet. Hopefully, we will be able to start later this week or at the beginning of next week. We also will be starting our work with analogies this week. Students will get a packet to learn more about analogies. These can be a difficult packets, but please know your child will catch on eventually. The packets really help with their understanding of the complexities of analogies, and they should do well on the WordMasters Tests because of our work. A non-fiction "how to" book is due Thurs., 10-6. Students should either bring in a sample or a photo of what they did (if they used a cookbook).

Math

We started our Math Stations again this week. One of our stations will be My Skills Tutor. Students are starting with lessons on "Number Sense." They are taking the pre-test this week, and that will determine their individual placement in the lessons. Students may work on this at home if they choose. I will be assigning My Skills Tutor for homework in the future. We are starting a new unit on Place Value this week. I will be teaching students to read and write numbers through the quadrillions in this unit so that they can see the patterns in place value. Basic Facts This Week: $\times 3$ and $\div 3$.

This Week at a Glance

Science...

Food Chains and Webs

Social Studies...

Illinois Research/Illinois Maps

In the Spotlight...

Character Counts- Trustworthiness

Writing...

6+1 Writing Trait- Word Choice

Important Dates...

October 7th- Teacher Institute Day- No School

October 10th- Columbus Day- No School

October 12th- IL Map Test (Study guides will be coming home this week)

MRS. STEFANI'S CLASSES

Reading

This week we will continue to focus on the prairie as small groups read novels based on that theme. As the groups read, individual members have job responsibilities. These jobs rotate after each reading assignment. The children have been taking turns serving as discussion director, connector, wordsmith, and character captains. After the groups complete their novels they are able to take AR tests. I will also sign contest slips for all of the students that are able to pass the tests.

Due to the short week, logs will be collected on Thursday. Thank you!

Math

Test Reminder-The "Using Data" test will be Thursday. Some of the concepts in Unit 6 and two concepts in Unit 5 will be covered. The test will cover minimum, maximum, median and mode as well as stem and leaf plots and line plots. Knowledge of bar graphs and circle graphs will also be assessed. The students can use SRB pages 117-126 and to help review for the test. I will supply the percent circles for the students to use to create and measure circle graphs. They will also be able to use calculators in order to calculate the percentages.

Notes:

On Thursday, Oct. 6th, research information for the State Project for the 4 "Required Categories" will be due. For the map, they can either print the map or give the website address where they will get the map.

Reminder: A Category List needs to be completed and submitted with each pro-

