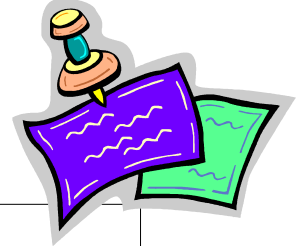


KEEPING IN TOUCH

February 6, 2012



Week in Review

MS. MCTIGHE'S CLASSES

Reading

In reading we will continue our work on the idea of change. We are working on making generalizations about change. Five generalizations that we will continue to talk about are: Change is linked to time; it is everywhere; it may be positive or negative; it may be perceived as orderly or random, and it may happen naturally or may be caused by people. We will begin *The Secret Garden*, and students will learn about the assignments that will go along with this novel. A fantasy book with a worksheet and one prompt is due this Friday, 2-10. Independent Study is due next Thursday, 2-16. Students should bring home their flash drives this weekend to make sure the final product is in good shape. We will have two more sessions at school: this Tuesday and next Tuesday. Whatever they need to finish can be completed at school next Tuesday. They will have two more days after that for any final adjustments.

Math

We are finally done with all the multiplication and division tables. This week we will concentrate on studying for the tables that have not been passed yet. We will take time every day to give retests so students can take whatever test they need. We'll continue this until hopefully everyone passes every table. Any help you can give at home is greatly appreciated! We are now preparing for ISAT testing which is the first week in March. A P.O.W. (Problem of the Week) will be due on Friday so that they can practice the math extended response. We will begin working this week on symmetry, congruent and similar figures, slides, flips, and turns, and volume.

This Week at a Glance

Science...
Machines in Motion

Social Studies...
Midwest Research

In the Spotlight...
Hana and Aidan

Writing...
Fractured Fairy Tales (Stefani)
Persuasive Writing (McTighe)

Important Dates...
Wed., 2-8- Conclusion Paragraph Due
Fri., 2-10-Skeletal and Muscular System
by Mrs. DeNichols

Notes:

After turning in the conclusion paragraph, the students will have 2 weeks to work on any revisions they need to make on any of the 5 paragraphs. They will add the revised paragraphs to the cover, title page and illustrations that they worked on at school and turn in the completed report by Wednesday, February 22. Thank you!

MRS. STEFANI'S CLASSES

Reading

For the next two weeks, the students will hear the biography entitled *A Picture Book of Harriet Tubman*. They will make inferences as they hear the text and also explore the social and ethical issues in the text. They will learn about Harriet's early life as a slave, her adventures on the Underground Railroad and her later years. They will discuss what they admire about Harriet Tubman and what they can learn from her life that might help them in their own lives. When we are not working on these shared reading concepts, we will continue working on writing fractured fairy tales. Readers' Theater will be another focus of the next two weeks as the kids work in small groups and act in fractured fairy tale plays. I have also adjusted the guided reading groups to create skill groups based on the results of the recent MAP tests. This week is a spelling week so look

Math

The Unit 3 test will be on Thursday. On it the students will be asked to measure angles using a protractor. They will also need to know the meanings of acute, right, obtuse, adjacent, straight and reflex angles. They will be asked to draw an equilateral, isosceles and scalene triangle using our geometry templates. The terms polygon, quadrangle, congruent and parallel will also appear on the test. SRB page 138-145 and 162-163 can be used as review. We will also have another Continental Math Competition this week.



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