



The Gurdraza Gazette

August 30th – September 3rd

<p style="text-align: center;">Teacher Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homework will be assigned regularly this week. Please expect your child to have homework in at least language arts and math Monday through Thursday.• Please send back the HSO form with the party money <p>Questions/Comments: Mrs. Podraza - cpodraza@lisle202.org Ms. Gurss - agurss@lisle202.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Important Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chorus begins Wednesday, Sept. 1st• Students will be tested this week for band instruments• Monday, Sept. 6 - No School• Tuesday, Sept. 7 - Picture Day• Thursday, Sept. 9 - Band Parent Meeting 7 p.m.• Monday, Sept. 13 - Band Registration• Tuesday, Sept. 15 - Open House
<p style="text-align: center;">Mrs. Podraza – Language Arts</p> <p>We will continue to create our literacy community in our "Making Meaning" lessons with the story <u>Something to Remember Me By</u>. The students will be working on the reading strategy of "Making Connections" which is the reading strategy for the month of September. In preparation for our guided reading groups, I will be conducting running records with the students on Wednesday and Friday to get an accurate placement of their reading level. The students will also begin reading <u>Hatchet</u> to work on reading skills as well as practice reading response journaling. The students will receive fluency homework this week with instructions for completion. In Writing the students will be finishing their "I Am" poems.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Gurss - Language Arts</p> <p>This week will begin our new reading program "Making Meaning." This program helps students learn to share their thinking and learn explicit reading strategies to help enhance their reading abilities. Students will also be working on a group project involving Bloom's Taxonomy. This will introduce students to the six levels of critical thinking skills. Students will work with fairy tales and then use the skills with stories by Chris Van Allsburg. Students will also receive vocabulary work as well as Caesar's English II work which builds on their Latin Stems from third and fourth grade. This program also includes work with analogies and vocabulary. There will be weekly cumulative quizzes.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mrs. Podraza – Math</p> <p>The students will begin Unit 1 which covers various graph forms including line plot, stem-and-leaf plot, double bar graphs and step graphs. They will also be reviewing mean, median, mode, and range. On Tuesday, Mrs. Hurt will be coming to our room to introduce the architecture project.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Gurss - Math</p> <p>The students will begin Topic 1 which is all about Place Value! Students will learn about place value to the billions place and the different ways to write numbers. Topic one will also cover place value to the RIGHT of the decimal point-tenths, hundredths, and thousandths place. Please keep reviewing place value with your children and continue reviewing their basic multiplication facts!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Social Studies</p> <p>The students will be introduced to new concepts in our "Explorers" Unit. They will be learning about how new technology of the 1400's had a large impact on exploration.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Science</p> <p>The students will be conducting experiments as part of our "Variables" unit. They will be learning the importance of having only one variable when testing experiments.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wall of Fame</p> <p>Students' names will be listed here who have achieved 100% on spelling</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Character Counts Corner</p> <p>Jacqueline – She shared her materials with many other students in the class and</p>

tests or an A on tests and quizzes.

was prepared and participated frequently.
(citizenship, responsibility)

Michael – He always remembered the classroom backpack and checked with others to make sure they were prepared.
(citizenship, responsibility)

Tristen-He offered to give his LRC book to another student because they were interested in it. (Caring)

Weekly Vocabulary

arresting composure contract impulse infer perceptive refute

Caesar's English (Gurss only)

Com (together) Intra (within) Cent (one hundred)

ad (to) fer (carry)