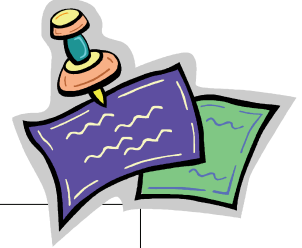


# KEEPING IN TOUCH

October 5, 2009



## Week in Review

### MS. MCTIGHE'S CLASSES

#### Reading

This week we will work on short humorous writing activities. We'll be doing funny captions, funny songs, and hinky pinkies. We have finished our humorous choice novels so now we will be reading joke and riddle books and silly song books this week. Mrs. Hurt will continue working on descriptive writing during her push-in time. A Picture Story is due for her on Wed., 10-7. Students will be sharing their book reviews for their choice novels on Thurs., 10-8. Stem Test #3 is also on this Thurs., 10-8. A humorous poetry book is due on Thurs., 10-15. Students should have their three favorite poems marked that they can share in their groups.

#### Math

We will be doing a fourth grade common assessment on mode, median, mean, and range. If any students still do not understand these concepts, they will work with our math interventionist, Mrs. Parram, and will be assessed again to make sure they master these skills. We will be doing stem-and-leaf plots and circle graphs this week, and we will be taking our first chapter test this Thursday, 10-8. We will be working on these basic facts this week:  $\times 11$  and  $\div 11$ .

### Upcoming Events

#### Tuesday

Illinois Research  
State Project Checkpoint

#### Wednesday

Illinois Research

#### Thursday

*Spotlight on Owen and Kaela*  
State Project Checkpoint

#### Friday

NO SCHOOL— Institute Day

#### Monday

NO SCHOOL— Columbus Day

### MRS. STEFANI'S CLASSES

#### Reading

This week we will focus on the prairie as small groups begin reading novels based on that theme. As the groups read, individual members will have job responsibilities. These jobs will rotate after each reading assignment. The children will take turns serving as discussion directors, connectors, word wizards, literary luminaries, summarizers, artistic adventurers and character captains. Each team will compile their work in a binder where job descriptions can be found. The spelling tests will be given on Thursday this week and the logs will be collected then as well.

#### Math

Our test over Unit 1 will be on Thursday. On Monday I will introduce prime factorization which is the final topic in Unit 1. Arrays, factors, prime and composite numbers, square numbers, square roots and prime factorization will all be assessed on this test. I will ask the students to review Student Reference Book pages 6, 10, 11 and 12. Work on the School Store PowerPoint presentations will begin this week. The PowerPoint slides will be completed both in class as well as during extra computer lab time during math. Groups need to add graphs, possible inventory items and ideas about what they think they will learn from this project in order to get a loan for startup funds for this store. Each team also needs to write a script and practice giving the oral presentations.

#### Notes:

We will try to conclude our Illinois research in class this week so we can begin modeling sample Illinois projects next week. We plan to model a float, game, presentation board and technology presentation. Reminder: A Category List needs to be completed and submitted with each project.

