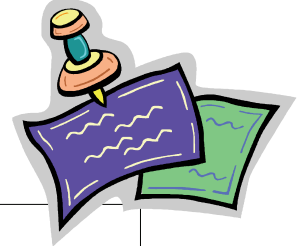


KEEPING IN TOUCH

February 1, 2010



Week in Review

MS. MCTIGHE'S CLASSES

Reading

Our Choice Novel groups have started and are enjoying reading and sharing another mystery together. We're continuing our work on our Secret Code packet, and we will begin working on reading extended responses to get ready for the ISAT reading test. Because we have a stem test this week and there are only four days of reading, we will not have a spelling test this week. Stem Test # 1-7 is this Thursday, 2-4. We will have a vocabulary quiz on Lesson 10 this Wed., 2-3. Mrs. Hurt will continue her work with literary elements with my class this week. The new genre book is a fictional mystery book which will be due Thursday, 2-18.

Math

We are continuing to prepare for the ISAT math tests with simplified packets. This week we will be working on perimeter, area, and volume. If there is time, we will begin working on measurement. We're trying to get ready to run the fourth grade School Store, too. We just ordered 7 different items to sell this month, and hopefully they will be here in about a week. We have a lot of preparation to do to get ready for the School Store. We need to learn how to fill in a receipt, make the correct change, and do all the jobs to run the store. We also will be advertising so that we can sell all of our new products.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday

Machines in Motion

Wednesday

Contributions Paragraph Due
Introduce Conclusion Paragraph

Thursday

Spotlight on Jules and Lauren

Friday

Health Presentation-Digestive System
11:45 Dismissal-Teacher In-service

Monday

Midwest Research

Notes:

This week the conclusion paragraph will be modeled and will be due next Wednesday, 2-10. Once your child gets this paragraph back, s/he will need to edit and revise all the paragraphs. The final draft of this five-paragraph report will be due on 2-17. Our Illinois Famous Person Presentation Night is at our 4th Grade Learning Fair/Music Program on March 16th at 7:00 P.M.



MRS. STEFANI'S CLASSES

Reading

This week as we read "On the Pampas" we will work with subject verb agreement as well as homophones. In writing we will continue to focus on writing extended reading responses. In order to do well on the ISATs in this area the students are required to restate and answer the question, give 2-3 examples of text support, explain why they picked the text support examples, and restate the prompt in another way. This can be very challenging, but with practice as a whole group, in teams and individually, hopefully they will feel more confident with this format.© The spelling test will be on Thursday this week!

Math

This week the students will review and practice the two rules to use when finding equivalent fractions. Converting fractions into decimals will be another one of our focus concepts. The students will rename simple fractions as decimals. We will review rounding decimals and they will find decimals between pairs of numbers. We will also analyze decimals formed from fractions with the same denominators to see if we can identify any patterns. To do this the students will begin a table of decimal equivalents for fractions. Some, like tenths, are quite easy. Others, like eighths, are more difficult and the students will be able to use calculators to help them convert. They will then learn to convert the decimals to percents.