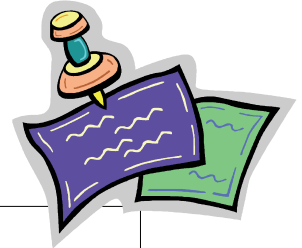


KEEPING IN TOUCH

February 8, 2010



Week in Review

MS. MCTIGHE'S CLASSES

Reading

We will continue to work on our choice mystery novels in small groups this week. We'll put together our *Howliday Inn* folders, too. We'll be working on some specific ISAT preparation throughout the next few weeks. We were just trained on Friday on how to teach our students to do the extended reading response so we will be practicing that until the tests. Another skill we will be working on is making sure that after all our work with stems, we have covered the list of prefixes, roots, and suffixes from the state of Illinois. Most of the roots are on our stem lists. Mrs. Hurt will continue her work on literary elements this week with our class. Our new genre book is a fictional mystery book which is due Thursday, 2-25.

Math

This week will be a preparation for running our fourth grade School Store. We have our catalog done and out to all the fourth and fifth graders, and the order should arrive today. We wrote and practiced our class advertisement which we will be singing to all of the fourth grade classes on Wednesday. On Wednesday, we will be doing a practice run on how to do run the School Store with real customers and real money. We will have greeters, accountants, personal shoppers, baggers, cashiers, and bookkeepers. What students will most likely learn more than anything else is how to give excellent customer service and make all of our customers feel welcome in our store. We are all excited, and we can't wait to run the School Store!

Upcoming Events

Tuesday

Machines and Motion

Wednesday

Machines and Motion
Conclusion Paragraph Due

Thursday

Spotlight on Amanda and Keagan

Friday

Health Presentation-Hygiene
See Afternoon Schedule Below

Monday

No School- Presidents' Day

Notes:

Here is our schedule for Friday afternoon:
12:00-12:40-Recess/Lunch
1:30- LEHSO-sponsored Assembly
About 2:15-Valentine's Day parties begin after the "BMX Guy" assembly.

MRS. STEFANI'S CLASSES

Reading

As we read "The Storm" and guided reading selections this week we will review predicting. I will ask the students to make new predictions constantly as reading is done because it helps to keep them engaged and thinking. We will work with verb tenses and the students will practice using present, past and future verb tenses correctly. During our half day institute we attended a training on extended responses in reading. I have some new information to share with the students, and I will continue to model for them. This Friday we will still have some language arts before the assembly and party. Our spelling tests will be given then, and the logs will be collected then as well.

Math

On Wednesday we will have the Unit 5 Test over the fraction concepts we have covered so far. The students can prepare by reviewing SRB pages 59-68. On the test they will be asked to find equivalent fractions, convert mixed numbers into improper fractions, add fractions (with the use of fraction sticks), and compare fractions both with like and unlike denominators. We will use some of the math boxes to help us review in class today and I will send the list of math boxes home in case we don't get to all of them. This is not a homework assignment, but it could be used to as another resource to help review for the test. On Thursday, we will participate in our final Continental Math League Competition!

