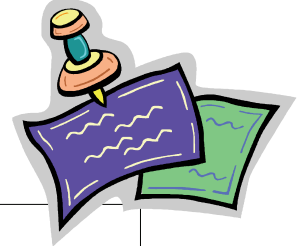


KEEPING IN TOUCH

9-14-09



Week in Review

MS. MCTIGHE'S CLASSES

Reading

We will be finishing *Fudge-A-Mania* this week. We have had a lot of fun discussing how the author makes something humorous. Next we will be getting in small groups to read a humorous novel of their choice. I have about 6 novels to choose from, and once students have made their choice, the small groups will be formed. It will be like a book club where students discuss what they enjoyed about the reading they are doing. The due date for the prairie book has been changed to next Tuesday, 9-22, because of early dismissal Friday. Students have to write ten things they learned about the prairie from the book. They will share that in a small group. We will be doing idioms in writing as well as descriptive writing with Mrs. Hurt. The next stem test #2 will be next Friday, 9-25. Flash cards will be due tomorrow, 9-15.

Math

We are continuing to work on graphing in math class. We will learn about line plots this week and ordered pairs. We are starting our work for our fourth grade School Store. Each of the fourth grade classes will sell school supplies to the fourth and fifth graders. Our first step is to survey all the fourth and fifth graders. We will complete that this week and compile our results so that fourth grade classes will know what kinds of supplies students want. We've begun working on basic facts this week. Students will be tested on $\times 2$ and $\div 2$ basic facts on Friday, 9-18.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday

The Scientific Method-Partner Experiments

Wednesday

Field Trip to the Prairie of Morton Arboretum 9:00—11:30

Thursday

Spotlight: Mrs. Stefani

Friday Early Dismissal 11:45 A.M.

State Project signed sheet due
IL Maps

Monday

Illinois Hands-On Maps

Notes:

For our Prairie Field Trip on Wednesday, please have your child wear long pants and tie shoes and socks. Also please make sure s/he puts on sun screen before s/he comes to school. Student Council elections will be held this week. Anyone running needs to come prepared with a short written speech.



MRS. STEFANI'S CLASSES

Reading

This week we will read a story about a young boy that starts a new school in a new country in the middle of year. We will follow him as he tries to adjust to life in America and share connections that we can make to the text. Comparing and contrasting will be another skill we will focus on as we read. In writing we will write thank you notes and the students will respond to a given prompt. Our weekly vocabulary words will be introduced on Wednesdays and the quizzes will be given on Tuesdays. I have been pleased to observe many of the students trying to use the words from this new program in their conversations/writing!

Math

The "Using Data" test will be on Thursday. Some of the concepts in Unit 6 and two concepts in Unit 5 will be covered. The test will cover minimum, maximum, median and mode as well as stem and leaf plots and line plots. Knowledge of bar graphs and circle graphs will also be assessed. The students can use SRB pages 117-126 and to help review for the test. They were asked to bring home the Student Reference Book (SRB) today. I will supply the percent circles for the students to use to create and measure circle graphs. They will also be able to use calculators in order to calculate the percentages.