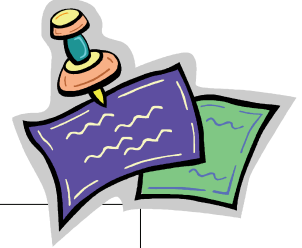


KEEPING IN TOUCH

September 21, 2009



Week in Review

MS. MCTIGHE'S CLASSES

Reading

This week we will be writing a book review for *Fudge-A-Mania* which will be due on Thursday, 9-24. We started our choice novels today. Students chose a novel they wanted to read out of five choices they were given. Their group will be reading about 20-25 pages each night of this novel. They'll meet with their group and discuss what they read every day in a book chat format. The prairie book is due tomorrow with a list of ten things that they learned about the prairie from reading the book. We have our second vocabulary test tomorrow on the eight vocabulary words we have been working on for a week. Mrs. Hurt will continue to do descriptive writing in her push-in hour tomorrow. There is a stem test on Friday, 9-25, which will include both list #2 and list #1.

Math

This week we will work on the topics of ordered pairs, line graphs, and mean, median, and mode. We'll be working in class creating our bulletin board graphs for the rest of the class to review bar graphs and all the necessary labels that are needed to understand any graph. We'll be working on multiplication and division facts again. Some students are not seeing the connection between multiplication and division yet. We'll keep working on helping them see how easy division is once they know multiplication. This week's basic facts: $\times 5$ and $\div 5$.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday
Scientific Method

Wednesday
Food Chains and Webs- Soil

Thursday
Spotlight on Mrs. Venard and Mrs. Shehee

Friday
Illinois Map Quiz
Illinois Research

Monday
Illinois Research

Notes:

If you are looking for resources, please don't forget to log on to our grade level website by going to www.lisle202.org, clicking on "Schiesher" and then clicking on "4th Grade News". You can also find classroom information by clicking on any teacher's name.

MRS. STEFANI'S CLASSES

Reading

This week the students will be reading "Family Pictures" which is a piece about the childhood memories of the author, Carmen Lomas Garza. These memories are written in English and then translated into Spanish. We will listen to an audio tape of the story and follow along. The students will then try to match English and Spanish words. The students will also work on developing their own childhood memory in a piece called the "Slice of Life".

We will continue to practice making connections as we read and review the skills taught by the *Fabulous Four* (predicting, clarifying, questioning and summarizing).

Math

Today we worked with rectangular arrays and reviewed the definitions of product, factor and factor pairs. Later in the week students will find factors of numbers, and I will teach specific divisibility rules for 2, 3, 5, 6, 9 and 10. I will also show the class how they can use a calculator to test for divisibility by a whole number. Factor Captor will be played in class on Wednesday to review the concept of factors. On Wednesday will also survey a 5th grade class to gather data for the School Store. Math Quest teams will meet to begin the simulation on Friday.

