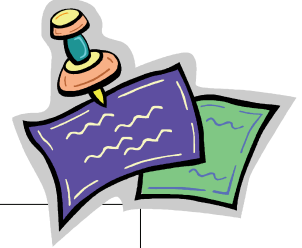


KEEPING IN TOUCH

September 28, 2009



Week in Review

MS. MCTIGHE'S CLASSES

Reading

Students are enjoying reading our first choice novel for our humor unit. We'll continue to read those this week. The new genre book that is due Thursday, 10-15, is a humorous poetry book. Your child needs to share three funny poems from that book with other students. Students will be picking a funny poem to do in our class puppet show later in the year so they should try to find a few poems they think would be good performance poems. We will have a lot of fun this week in writing as students learn how to write idioms, hinky-pinkies, and captions. Mrs. Hurt will continue working on descriptive writing this week during her push-in hour.

Math

We will continue working on graphs this week. We'll continue practicing mean, median, mode, and range. We will do a fourth grade common assessment on these concepts, and if any students do not seem to understand them, we will have our math interventionist work with them on an individual level. We also will learn about stem-and-leaf plots and how to read circle graphs. There will be a test on data and graphs on Friday, 10-2. Basic facts for this week: $\times 10$ and $\div 10$.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday

Food Chains and Webs- Plants and Soil

Wednesday

Food Chains and Webs- Plants as Producers

Thursday

Spotlight on Jeffrey and Dona-Car'n

Friday

Illinois Research

Monday

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MRS. STEFANI'S CLASSES

Reading

Character is one of the reading skills we will discuss this week. After we read "Addie in Charge" we will complete character wheels. The students are asked to brainstorm character traits that apply to Addie and record them on the spokes of the wheels. They are then required to find examples from the story to support the traits they selected. Learning about character traits can help children gain a better understanding of what they read. We will also try to complete the "Slice of Life" piece this week.

Math

The first "Mad Minute" was returned today. The packet that was sent home last week is to be used as a resource throughout the year. The students should practice timed tests at home to help prepare for the test that they will take the following Friday. Each "Mad Minute" consists of 30 problems that should be solved in one and a half minutes. Students will move ahead on these timed tests at their own pace. We will take a test each day to move along more quickly. During the rest of the week the students will continue to apply the divisibility rules to determine factors. We will also focus on squaring and unquaring numbers. Another concept that will be taught next week is prime factorization. The Unit 1 test will be next Tuesday. More information will be coming soon.

Notes:

During the next few weeks students should be working at home to re-search their states. The final state project is due on **Tuesday, October 27th** which is only four weeks away. Please let us know if you are having trouble finding resources.

