



Lapham Legend

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Math :

Did you know that the very best way to practice and build mastery of MATH FACTS is by memorizing the facts in SETS: learn all of the 2's, THEN move on to the 3's, then on to the 4's, etc. Mixing up the flash cards is very confusing for our brains and it is much more difficult to memorize the facts that way.

Our unit on long division is coming to an end. By now your child should be using the long division algorithm comfortably and be able to solve word problems using division.

Your child was either assessed today or will be on Monday. Our next unit covers multiplication and division of decimals.

Kenya Connect:

Tuesday is our Kenya Connect reading incentive program and service learning project kick-off! We will be teaching the students about the Pennies for Pages program where students ask for donations related to how many pages of books they read. We will thoroughly explain the program and send home a packet of informational material on Tuesday. All funds raised will be given to Kenya Connect organization and directly from there to Sophia Primary School in Kenya. Our assembly Tuesday involves African Zumba dancing! It should be an amazing day.

Social Studies: Our final Explorers social studies test will be on Wednesday, October 26th covering chapter 5, the early exploration of North America.

Reading: We have begun our fantasy book clubs! The students are reading one of four different fantasy books. Did you know that lovers of FANTASY tend to be life-long readers? The complex characters and settings in combination with the theme of good overcoming evil are extremely inspiring to young readers. Please talk with your children about what they are reading at school. Talking about books is an EXCELLENT way to build comprehension. This week in shared reading we talked extensively about monitoring our comprehension by listening to our inner voices and what they are telling us. Readers need to NOTICE when they are confused or becoming distracted and use FIX-UP strategies to go back and engage themselves in their reading once again.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Unsold Entertainment Books are due back to school as soon as possible!
- Thursday, October 27th: Robert Crown Health Center field trip in the afternoon.
- Monday, October 31st: Halloween Parties will be held in the morning; bring your costumes to school to change into! This is an EARLY DISMISSAL day! School ends at 11:45.