

Presenting Room 17 News

This Week's Feature Presentation: The Illinois Prairie



Spotlight on Learning

Dear Room 17 Families,

In school the students are gathering information about Illinois to create an Illinois Power Point, Presentation Board, Game, and Float as a model to help them understand how to create their state project. As we proceed with our in school state project work, let me know if you have any questions as the students do their at home state project work.

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EVENT DATES

Picture Retakes Vision and Hearing Screening	9/22
Topic 17/Graphing Test	9/22
Spelling Test Logs Due	9/25
3's Multiplication Timed Test	9/28
Recipes Due	9/30
Midterm	10/2
State Projects Due	10/27

FOURTH GRADE PERFORMANCES

READING

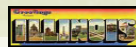
This week's text selection in entitled Family Pictures by Carmen Lomas Garza.



The comprehension skill we will focus on is Author's Purpose. There are 4 reasons an author writes:

1. Inform
2. Entertain
3. Express
4. Persuade

Social Studies



Once 80% of Illinois was prairie today only 1% remains.



Luckily, we had a beautiful day for the Morton Arboretum Prairie Trip.

Thank you to our parent volunteers. We learned that they burn their prairie once a year to keep it a prairie and not let it become a forest and that the thick bark on the Burr Oak tree can survive the burning.



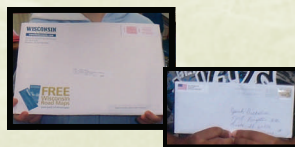
Writing

To practice writing with a purpose each student will write about a family memory. Students can bring or draw a picture to go with their family memory story.



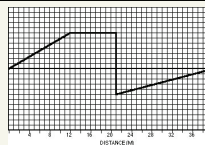
We've Got Mail

Wisconsin was the first state to respond to a student request for information about the state for the state project. Let's hope more responses are in the mail.



We are also receiving recipes for the class cookbook. Thank you!

Science/Machines and Motion



Students are graphing the data collected during their science experiments and then studying the graphs to draw conclusions to find out if they were on the right path with their hypothesis.



Word Work

Elements of Reading: Vocabulary

The meanings of these words will be tested on September 29th.

scoff assail optimistic
lament steadfast decisive
gratifying resigned

Words Their Way Spelling

lists will come home today, September 21st, and the spelling these words will be tested September 25th.

Mathematics/Numeration

On The Road Again

Reading and writing numbers to the millions place, will be the second unit of study in mathematics. As we review place value in numbers, we will also begin studying multiplication facts. Each week we will cover one fact, so we will be ready for longer multiplication down the road.



Room 17 students did a fantastic job surveying the 5th grade students to gather data about school supplies in preparation for trying to persuade Dr. Kotalik to let the 4th Graders run a Schiesher School Supply Store. Wish us luck with our Power Point Proposal.