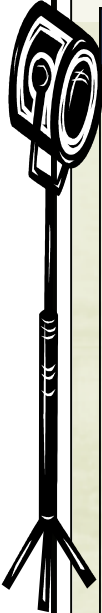


Presenting Room 17 News



Spotlight on Learning

Dear Room 17 Families,

Each Monday, I will try to send out a newsletter highlighting what is happening in Room 17. I will also place it on the Lisle202 website. I look forward to meeting you on Curriculum Night on September 15th, but if you have any questions or concerns now, please don't hesitate to contact me @ salmendinger-lisle202.org or 1-630-493-8140.

Sincerely, Mrs. Stacey Almendinger

EVENT DATES

Log Due	9/4
Labor Day No School	9/7
Picture Day	9/8
State Project Letter Log Due	9/11
Curriculum Night	9/15
Early Dismissal 11:45 Log Due	9/19

FOURTH GRADE PERFORMANCES

READING

Making connections while reading to your own life, other books, and the world is proven to increase comprehension or understanding. It is the reading strategy we will be using with the novel The Homework Machine by Dan Gutman. Fluency: reading rate, expression and accuracy will be introduced with the book A Soup Opera. This is a fun book that comes with an audio cd that will allow the students to practice reading with expression.

Ask your student about these books.



Writing

Audience or who will read your writing makes a difference in what and how you write. We will be writing both friendly and business letters in the next few weeks. The friendly letter format will be used to write to a family member or friend to get the recipe for a favorite dish. The business letter format will be used to write to a state tourism office to get information for the state projects.

The students have also cooperatively written *A Classroom Constitution setting up the rules, rights, and responsibilities for their classroom.* Room 17 is a democracy.

Word Work

Word Work will involve two programs: *Words Their Way* which will be used as a spelling program to teach students the patterns of spelling and *Elements of Reading: Vocabulary* which will explore the rich meaning and use of words.

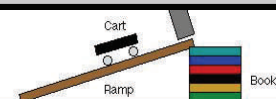
Words Their Way is a leveled program so will begin after each child has been assessed and placed in their appropriate level.

Elements of Reading: Vocabulary begins with these eight words: triumph divine dazzle vanish stupefy crave dejected fulfill Listen to see if you hear your child using any other these words in conversations.

Social Studies

Illinois, "Land of Lincoln", "The Prairie State," or our home state will be used as an example in the classroom to prepare students to do a research project on a state they would like to learn more about and to share what they have learned with the class. A letter explaining this project will be coming home soon.

Science/Machines and Motion



Using the scientific method to investigate machines and motion and the six simple machines: inclined plane, wedge, lever, wheel and axel, gears and pulleys will involve experimenting or running test with cars and ramps.

Mathematics/Graphing

Graphing being the first topic studied in mathematics presents a perfect opportunity to learn about each member of the class. The students will be writing survey questions, tallying or collecting data to create graphs about the class.