



The Podravik Post

December 12th – 16th

Teacher Notes

- If you are sending a dish for Colonial Day, please send it with your child on Monday, December 19th. They should take it directly to the lunchroom in the morning.
- If you are volunteering at Colonial Day, please plan on coming to the lunchroom at 12:15 to begin set-up.

Questions/Comments:

Mrs. Podraza - cpodraza@lisle202.org

Ms. Gurss - agurss@lisle202.org

Important Dates

- Colonial Day - Monday, December 19th
- Winter Parties - Tuesday, December 20th at 2 p.m.
- Winter Break - December 21st - January 3rd (School resumes on Wednesday, January 4th)

Mrs. Podraza – Language Arts

The students will continue working on Main Idea and supporting details this week. They will be presenting with their partners on the book, "Travel Guide to Colonial America." We will finish reading on our novel study of the Fantasy Genre. This week we will be focusing on theme. They will either be reading The City of Ember, Poppy, The Magic Thief, or The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane. The students will be working on word choice in their "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs" stories. The students should be writing me a letter about their independent reading book this week.

3rd AR - Monday, December 19th

4th AR - Wednesday, January 4th

5th AR - Friday, January 13th

6th AR - Friday, January 27th

7th AR - Friday, February 13th

8th AR - Friday, February 27th

Mrs. Vavrik-Language Arts

The students have started their Change Unit in the recommended basal for AT. This week will have class discussion on the concept of change and the five generalizations of change: change is everywhere, can be random or orderly, can happen naturally or be caused by people, is linked to time, can be positive or negative. We will also brainstorm how the students have changed and write an All About Me poem. Students will also be introduced to the grammar study of the unit which will be completed independently.

Students will choose an author's autobiography to read and study and will complete independent work for this novel as well. Time allotting, students will read the short story "Ghost Cat" and through Bloom's Taxonomy questions, will discuss the concept of change in the story. Please continue to read those independent reading books! Need 9 by February 27th!

Mrs. Podraza – Math

The students will finish Unit 4 which covers fractions. This week they will be learning about percents and circle graphs as well as percent of a number. There will be a Unit 4 test on Friday. The study guide will come home on Thursday. Mrs. Hurt will be coming in on Tuesday to work on Hands-On Equations.

Mrs. Vavrik - Math

The students have a math tests TOMORROW on Topic 8-Geometry and Shapes! We have been studying lines, rays, line segments, polygons, triangles and quadrilaterals. Please help your children review tonight! After break we will begin FRACTIONS! Please continue reviewing their basic multiplication and division facts!

Social Studies

The students will finish Chapter 7 this week. They will receive a study guide on Monday in Mrs. Podraza's class. The test is on Thursday.

Science

We will finish our unit which is all about weather and the Water Cycle.

Wall of Fame

Podraza (Spelling) 100% - Zach, Jay, Izzy, Lydia

Mrs. Vavrik Math (A's)- Look for names next week as tests finish getting graded! Names are coming, I promise!

Character Counts Corner

Abby – She gave another student her extra lunch. (Citizenship)

Theo – He gave Marek his poster in gym class. (Citizenship)

Angelo- He gave another student a new folder. (caring)

Stephanie- She let another student borrow her pencil. (caring)

Weekly Vocabulary (Podraza)

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