



The Podravik Post

August 29th – September 2nd

<p style="text-align: center;">Teacher Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homework will be assigned regularly this week. Please expect your child to have homework in at least language arts and math Monday through Thursday.• Please send back the HSO form with the party money <p>Questions/Comments: Mrs. Podraza - cpodraza@lisle202.org Ms. Gurss - agurss@lisle202.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Important Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students will be tested this week for band instruments• Monday, Sept. 5 - No School• Wednesday, Sept. 7 - Band Parent Meeting 7 p.m.• Thursday, Sept. 8 - Picture Day, Open House 7:00 p.m.• Monday, Sept. 12 - Band Registration• Friday, Sept. 16 - Early Dismissal 11:45
<p style="text-align: center;">Mrs. Podraza – Language Arts</p> <p>The students will be learning about building our literacy community as we start Making Meaning and focus on connections as well as class expectations. They will also be practicing finding the main idea and looking for supporting details when we work in small groups. Every week the students will be completing a fluency assignment that must be reviewed and signed by a parent. It will come home on Mondays and must be returned on Fridays. In writing the students will be working on a choice assignment of either an "I Am" poem or "Just Because" poem. Their first AR test should be taken by September 9th.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mrs. Vavrik - Language Arts</p> <p>The students begin every morning by listening to a poem or engaging in a brain teaser about reading. We are beginning Making Meaning and will focus on building a reading community through making connections and focusing on routine and classroom expectations. In small groups, students will work on a Bloom's Taxonomy project to encourage high level critical thinking. We also will be starting Word Within a Word-Greek and Latin stem work and will alternate every couple of weeks with analogies. In writing we will work on a persuasive essay. Please encourage your child to read every night!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mrs. Podraza – Math</p> <p>The students will begin Unit 1 which covers various graph forms including line plot, stem-and-leaf plot, double bar graphs and step graphs. They will also be reviewing mean, median, mode, and range. On Tuesday, Mrs. Hurt will be coming to our room to begin work on "Hands-On Equations."</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mrs. Vavrik - Math</p> <p>The students will begin Topic 1 which is all about Place Value! Students will learn about place value to the billions place and the different ways to write numbers. Topic one will also cover place value to the RIGHT of the decimal point-tenths, hundredths, and thousandths place. Please keep reviewing place value with your children and continue reviewing their basic multiplication facts!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Social Studies</p> <p>The students will be introduced to new concepts in our "Explorers" Unit. They will be learning about how new technology of the 1400's had a large impact on exploration. They will also begin playing a new game, "Dangerous and Daring: The Age of Exploration" which will continue throughout our unit.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Science</p> <p>The students will be conducting experiments as part of our "Variables" unit. They will be learning the importance of having only one variable when testing experiments.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wall of Fame</p> <p>Students' names will be listed here</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Character Counts Corner</p> <p>Bella and Ellen – They both carried the</p>

who have achieved 100% on spelling tests or an A on tests and quizzes.

emergency backpack to Mrs. McTighe's room when they are not in her class.
(citizenship)

Michael – He always remembered the classroom backpack and checked with others to make sure they were prepared.
(citizenship, responsibility)

Mrs. Vavrik's Homeroom-All students did a wonderful job working together and getting to know one another as our school year began!

Weekly Vocabulary (Podraza)

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