



Lapham Legend

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Author Visit:

This week author Steven Layne came to our school and told us all about his books and his writing. He has written over 20 books for young children, young adults and teachers. He was an inspiring speaker and the kids in class have taken off with their writing! Many are writing stories and are excited about it! You might look for Steven Layne's books at the library! One that he got the students very excited about is called Paradise Lost. I did want to let you know that we are NOT able to carry it in our elementary school library because of its mature content. However, the book sounds very exciting and you might decide it is all right for your child. I plan on reading it soon and then can help make that decision for you if you'd like.

Math

My Skills Tutor is now up and running for our class! Password information is as follows: Students may log on to myskillstutor.com and work on math facts as well as multiplication and division. Their user name is first initial first four letters of last name. Password is initials. For example, my user name is **klaph** and password **KL** (not case sensitive). Please take advantage of this FABULOUS math resource for review and skill building!!!

Next week we will review long division with one digit divisors, finding factor pairs for a number, prime and composite numbers and factor trees. We will have a math test on WEDNESDAY. From there, we will continue division work, but will be breaking the kids into appropriate groups. More info to come!

Science: This week in science we studied the Scientific Method by experimenting with CAPACITY of life boats. We started with watching a short video clip about the lifeboats on the TITANIC: by far the majority of which were launched without being at capacity. We created our own 3CM lifeboat out of a cup and then measured how many milliliters of water it would hold, as well as how many passengers. We realized we needed to have a STANDARD passenger loading procedure in order to have common results. It was really fun!

SOCIAL STUDIES:

Social studies tests will be passed back on Monday. So far, it's looking like the students did VERY well! Next week we will begin studying explorers of North America, as well as studying about the culture of Kenya.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Friday, October 7th: NO SCHOOL Teacher Institute. Teachers will be working on developing teaching around the new National Common Core Standards.
- Monday, October 10th: NO SCHOOL Columbus Day. We have been studying about this! Should we really be honoring Columbus with a national holiday???? Ask your child for their opinion and why!
- Thursday, October 13th: AR deadline for informational text to participate in the Gauntlet on October 14th.
- Friday, October 14th: Unsold Entertainment Books due back to school.
- Thursday, October 27th: Robert Crown Health Center field trip