

"The Spirit of Adventure"

Room 17 Newsletter

August 23, 2010

Here's What We've Been Up To:



WELCOME To Fourth Grade

I am so excited about this school year and have enjoyed getting to know your student. The first day of each week I will try to send home a classroom newsletter telling what we have been up to and listing dates for upcoming events, projects, test, and assignments.

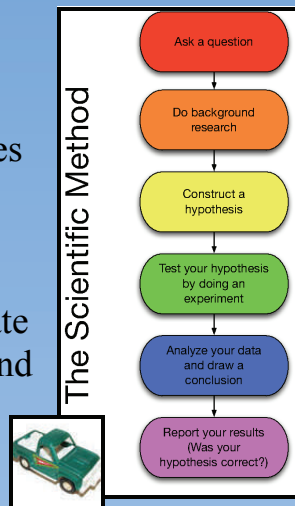
I look forward to meeting you at Open House on Tuesday, September 13th at 7pm. If you have any questions or concerns before then, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone 493-8140 or by email, salmendinger@lisle202.org

*Sincerely,
Mrs. Stacey Almendinger*

SCIENCE

Machines and Motion

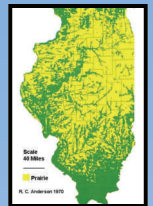
Our first hands-on science unit involves using the **scientific method** to investigate machines and motions.



Social Studies

Illinois/Maps and Globes

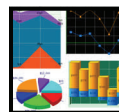
Illinois, or as it is nicknamed, "The Prairie State" has interesting geographical features, history, culture, economy, and places to visit. During the next few weeks Room 17 students will be exploring all of those areas as well as studying maps and globes skills.



Mathematics

Data and Graphing

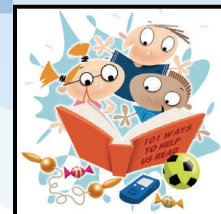
Asking survey questions, collecting data, and graphing the results is a great way to start mathematics in 4th grade. It will also allow us to find out more about each other. It also provides the students with skills they need for reading and creating graphs. They will use those skills in other academic areas. For example, they will be able to graph the results of the machines and motion science experiments.



While the students are learning about each other and about graphs, I will be assessing each individual's **knowledge of math facts and computation**, so I can better meet their instructional needs.

Language Arts

LITERACY INSTRUCTION (Reading, Writing, Grammar, and Spelling)



This year Schiesher students will be using a new reading instructional method. In June, I was trained on several components of the new program. I am excited to begin implementing what I learned and these materials because the focus of these new materials is to provide **more reading instruction for each child at their level.**