

Week of August 30, 2011

Dear Parents/Grandparents:

Spelling (Riggs):

Last week we worked with Review List #1, Words 1-20. We will continue working with those words this week as well as beginning Review List #2. We will test Wednesday on Review List #1, words 1-6, Thursday on Review List #1, words 7-13, and Friday on Review List #1, words 14-20.

Writing:

This week we will continue working with Narrative Writing. We are working on Character Development. In Language, we are reviewing components of a complete sentence.

Reading:

Students received a packet last week that contains activities that they will work on with their Independent Reading Book. I chose not to send it home, so that we could go over the activities in class. I will have them bring it home today. Please review this packet with your student. I would like them to bring it back and forth to school and home so that they may work on it in both places. This first set of activities is due September 30th. This time frame allows students enough time to completely read a novel and work on the activities. A new set of activities will be given each month. Independent Reading time will be given each day in class, and students are also expected to read 20 minutes at home each night.

Students will receive a Reading Log tonight that is due next Tuesday, September 6th. They will be expected to fill this log out on their own with the reading they do at home.

Core Knowledge Literature:

We will begin reading Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson. Most of this reading will be done in class, but it will be helpful for students to reread at home. This reading can count toward their Reading Log. Comprehension questions, vocabulary, and other assignments will be given periodically throughout the week.

Math:

Lessons 20-24 are graded and will be coming home tonight. We have gone over each lesson in class. The students do grade their own as we go over the lesson. Please review the grading procedure handout that was given out at Back to School Night. If you did not receive a handout, please let me know.

This week, we will take a test on Tuesday, then work on lessons 26-28 the rest of the week.

Social Studies:

We are continuing to review geography terms and mapping skills. We will be visiting various areas in the United States to help us review these terms and skills. We will also be looking at the specific geography of Colorado. We will be studying Colorado throughout the year by utilizing many different resources. One of these resources is a newspaper called the *Colorado Weekly*. Sometimes the *Colorado Weekly* will be sent home as homework. The first issue of the paper will be done together in class and will be completed on Tuesday.

Science:

We will read about and discuss Earthquakes including specific vocabulary and faults as well as tsunamis.

Science and Social Studies unit outlines are located outside the classroom door if you would like to look at what each unit encompasses.

I hope this letter helps you understand what our week looks like. If you have any questions or concerns, please call or email me or write a note in your student's planner. Please remember to review and sign your student's planner every night.

If you did not receive last week's letter by email, and would like to receive information through email, please send your current email address in your student's planner.

I look forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

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