

Week of October 4th, 2011

Dear Parents/Grandparents:

Wow! It's October! It's hard to believe we are in our 8th week of school.

Some of you have turned in your reading trackers—thank you! If you haven't yet, they are due October 7th, so please get them in as soon as you can. Thanks!

Just a reminder—this week is a bookmobile week, so please have your child return their books to get new ones.

Spelling (Riggs):

Tuesday: New words, Lesson 78 4x each; Lesson 77 definitions; Lesson 75 sentences; Test on Lesson 74.

Wednesday: New words, Lesson 79 4x each; Lesson 78 definitions; Lesson 77 sentences; Lesson 75 study for test Thursday.

Thursday: New words, Lesson 80 4x each; Lesson 79 definitions; Lesson 78 sentences; Lesson 77 study for test Friday; Test on Lesson 75

Friday: New words, Lesson 81 4x each; Lesson 80 definitions; Lesson 79 sentences; Lesson 78 study for test on Tuesday; Test on Lesson 77. Please check for a copy of this weeks list in the folder outside the classroom door.

Writing:

We are continuing our work with Narrative Writing. We will be discussing Plot and how the plot can include problems in a story. In Language, we will be reviewing the parts of speech we have covered so far and have a test on Friday.

Reading:

This week we are going to continue to discuss Questioning as a strategy to help us become better readers. We will also spend time

sharing our Activity packets that were turned in on Friday. It's nice for students to hear about other books that their peers enjoyed reading.

A new set of activities will not be given out until next week for their new IDR book. 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, October 11th. They will be expected to fill this log out on their own with the reading they do at home. Reading Logs are sent home every week.

Core Knowledge Literature:

We will finish reading Treasure Island this week and will watch the Disney version of the movie on Friday.

Math:

We will work on lessons 38-40 this week. Beginning with Lesson 40, students will have a daily Facts Practice page that will come home for homework. Please encourage your student to time themselves to see how long it takes them to finish the page. We will have a test on Friday.

Social Studies:

We will be discussing the three regions of Colorado. Next Friday, we will do a map activity that requires each student to bring in a batch of dough. Please see the attached recipe. This activity is not until Friday, October 14th. Since it involves dough, it is important not to bring it in early as it will dry up. Also, each student needs a square of cardboard to put their map on. I will try to gather the pizza boxes from lunch this Friday.

Science:

We will continue to discuss *Geology* including different types of mountains and how those mountains are formed.

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.

Please save toilet paper/paper towel rolls, empty coffee cans, boxes, Pringles cans, etc. for our castle building in December!

Sincerely,

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