

November 7, 2011,

Dear Parents,

With only two more weeks until Thanksgiving break, we have a lot of information to cover and bring to a close. Here is a brief look at what we plan to accomplish in the next four days.

**Spelling/Vocabulary:** We will be doing our normal routine this week with the test on Tuesday, followed by a new unit beginning on Wednesday. Also on Wednesday will be our second word study quiz. Students were encouraged to take their word study cards home to study over the weekend to refresh their memory on some of the earliest units.

**Writing:** Our week will be split between writing activities and grammar lessons. We will take a look at writing samples and discuss ways that those samples could be improved and then use those ideas to revise one of their own writing pieces. The end of the week will be looking at interjections, possessive nouns, and writing complex sentences using independent and subordinate clauses.

**Reading:** Our reading of Don Quixote continues this week. As we progress through the reading, we will do a variety of activities to boost the comprehension of the novel. My intent is to be finished with this book by Thanksgiving break.

**Math:** Due to last Wednesday's snow day, our next test will not be this week, but rather next Tuesday.

**Red group ---** We will be concentrating on decimals through the use of number lines and charts, rounding, and dividing them by 10 and 100. Additionally, we will divide and simplify fractions.

**Blue group ---** Blue group will work on estimating, subtracting fractions from whole numbers, modeling decimal numbers with decimals, and finding decimal parts of a meter.

**Science:** My goal over the next two weeks is to wrap up our classification unit. This will require a lot of work on the part of the students, but I feel that we can move at a faster clip and need to bring this unit to a close. A study guide will be coming home with your child to assist them in preparing for the unit test.

**Social Studies:** Our study of world lakes will come to a close on Tuesday with the second round of Water Jeopardy. The students should be amazed at how many more questions they are able to correctly answer this time. We will also begin our unit on the Mesoamericans, beginning with the Mayas. This unit has been a favorite of several previous classes.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child, please contact me at school or by e-mail ([lisarupple@re3j.com](mailto:lisarupple@re3j.com)).

Sincerely,

*Lisa Ruppel*

**Reminders:**

- Breakfast burritos are available every Wednesday for \$3.00.
- Chick-fil-A hot lunch on Friday.
- Bookmobile on November 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Character Ed. Assembly at 8 a.m. on November 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Thanksgiving break November 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>.