

January 27, 2012

Dear Parents,

Infinite Campus is still experiencing technical problems, so please continue to bear with us as we try to solve the glitches. Missing assignment reports went home with students on Friday and I will send home progress reports on Tuesday. Please check over these items for accuracy and let me know if something seems to be incorrect.

**Spelling/Vocabulary:** This week will proceed as usual except that we will have our new word list and word study on the same day due to the shortened school week.

**Writing:** On Tuesday, we will have the quiz for chapter 8 and work on a journaling assignment. The rest of the week will be focused on improving the readability and interest level of previous writing assignments.

**Reading:** We will be finishing up our reading of Little Women this week and begin working on the culminating project, which is a sequel. There will be some class time available to work on the writing with the final product due the following Tuesday.

**Math:** Our next math test is on Tuesday.

**Red group ---** This group will be working on coordinate geometry and comparing fractions by converting them to decimal form.

**Blue group ---** Multiplying fractions and whole numbers, plus using manipulatives and sketches to divide fractions will be focused on during the week.

**Science:** Our plant and animal cell structures and processes unit continues. We will discuss the function of each part of the two types of cells and discuss the cell project over the course of the week.

**Social Studies:** We have concluded our abbreviated unit on the Renaissance and will be moving on to the Reformation. This will be a very brief unit lasting only this week. Then, we will move on to the Golden Age of England.

**Silent Auction classroom basket:** We are slowly starting to accumulate pieces for our classroom basket. If you would like to donate anything, please send in your items by Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Teacher in-service:** Remember that there is no school on Friday as the staff will be involved in an in-service/professional development day. The students are exceptionally excited about having a four day weekend!

**Spelling Bee:** Our school spelling bee will be held on Thursday at 2:30 p.m. in the gym. It was decided that there would be five participants from each class, so in addition to Morgan and Matthew, we will be represented by Nathaniel, Alexis, and Idania. Feel free to join us and cheer our 5<sup>th</sup> graders on. Good luck to all!

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.
- Bookmobile on Thursday.
- No school on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> due to teachers' in-service.
- Valentine's Day parties will be on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.
- Spaghetti Dinner, Dance, and Silent Auction at the Fairgrounds on February 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Next reading tracker is due on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Parent teacher conferences the week of February 28<sup>th</sup>.