

September 27, 2011,

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the parents who volunteered to chaperone our fieldtrip last Friday! We had great weather for the day and the students enjoyed participating in the new activities available.

**Spelling/Vocabulary:** Today is our first quiz over the accumulated word study components. I have encouraged the kids to be studying these items for several weeks now, so I hope they took my advice. The remainder of the week will be our normal routine.

**Writing:** During the week, we will work on creative writing, discuss different ways to publish a finish piece, and write in both first and third person.

**Reading:** Our next unit consists of several Sherlock Holmes stories. The first one, "The Speckled Band", is a perennial favorite among my students. We will be doing vocabulary activities, comprehension questions, and quizzes with each of the stories as we proceed through the unit.

**Math:** Another routine week with problem sets each day. Our next tests will be on Tuesday, October, 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Red group ---** Our focus during the week will be on writing percents and decimals as fractions, expanded notation, elapsed time, decimal place value, and reading & writing decimal numbers.

**Blue group ---** This group will be simplifying mixed measure, reading & writing whole numbers in expanded notation, working on two-step word problems, and finding an average. Students need to study their vocabulary words all week.

**Science:** Small group experiment posters and presentations will be completed at the beginning of the week. Then, we will move on to our next unit which will be classification of living things.

**Social Studies:** This week also kicks off our World Lakes unit. We will begin by playing a round of World Lakes Jeopardy. This will be played again at the end of the unit will much better results!

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
- Chick-fil-A lunch on Friday
- Character Ed. Assembly on Friday at 3:00 p.m.