

Johnson Journal

December 12th, 2011

Special points of interest:

I am still waiting on spell-a-thon letters. Please turn them no later than Friday so the 8th graders can spell their hundred words before break!

Thank you!

8th Grade Spelling List

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Science

Light and Sound will be coming to a close this week. We will celebrate our learning of vision and light by dissecting sheep eyes with the 3rd graders. The 8th grade students will also read to them their story books on Albert Einstein.

The student's test on Light and Sound will be on Friday this week. This unit is rather abstract and more challenging for the students so please encourage them to study frequently throughout the week.

For science fair this week the students will finish typing their Science Fair Reports. Most of them finished last week. It was exciting to see their typing skills improve!

When we return in January, the students will put together their display boards and prepare for judge interviews. ALL STUDENTS WILL NEED A BOARD WHEN THEY RETURN FROM BREAK! They can purchase one from the school for \$4 or from stores such as Walmart and Hobby Lobby.

Homework this week:

Due Friday:

Study for test!

Typed Science Fair Report

Core

Due to the modified week, we will not be doing spelling or core packets. We will rather be focusing our time on important skills from the first semester, along with end of semester assessments.

The skills we will focus on our the writing process, by editing/revising their persuasive rough drafts. I will also assist the students with converting similes to metaphors. These types of figurate language are present on their language arts CSAP. They will also help them become mature and detailed writers!

For assessments, the students will have a vocabulary test, roots test, and a Shurley test. They will take their Shurley test on Wednesday, covering predicate nouns, pronouns, and their antecedents. On Thursday they will take their root quiz and vocabulary assessment. Their only homework for the week will be to study for these assessments. Please encourage the students in this!!! Thank you!

Homework:

Due Tuesday: Persuasive Rough Drafts

Study for Assessments!

Science

This week = test & party!

To wrap up the semester in science the 6th graders will be taking a test on Astronomy this Tuesday. We will review right before the test by playing jeopardy.

Homework this week:

Study for Test

On Thursday we will have our class party to celebrate the student's achievement of their semester goal. Please bring a food or drink item to share! I already have a parent bringing paper products so food and drink will be fine. Thanks again for keeping your children at CCA. I have really enjoyed getting to know this class!

Essential Question:
How have scientists throughout history positively or negatively impacted the environment?

Science Fair

For science fair this week the students will finish typing their science fair reports. All reports are due on Friday, before the students leave for break.

When we return from break the students will put together their display boards and prepare for judge interviews. Please make sure your child has brought a dollar for their science fair board by the end of this week! Thank you!

Science

The semester will be coming to a close this week as the students finish up their unit on Vertebrates. On Wednesday we will explore the class of Mammals, while also reviewing unit material on fish, reptiles, amphibians, and birds. This review will be valuable because the students will have a test on this unit on Friday! Their test taking skills have improved but please encourage your child to study for their test several times throughout the week. Thank you!

Homework this week:

Due Wednesday: Bird and Reptile worksheets

Due Friday: Study for Test!

Essential Question:
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week! If they aren't purchasing one from the school, they must purchase it over break and bring it to school in January. Thank you!

When we return from break the students will put together their display boards and prepare for judge interviews. Please make sure your child has brought in two dollars for their science fair board by the end of this