



# Mrs. Otte's Weekly Update



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Curriculum Corner

## Extra Practice for Brain Bucks!

MOBYMAX.COM IS A GREAT RESOURCE THAT HOLY TRINITY OFFERS STUDENTS. THESE PAST TWO WEEKS STUDENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACEMENT TESTS IN MATH AND LANGUAGE. THEY WILL ALSO BE LOOKING AT THEIR RIT SCORES FROM THE FALL MAP TEST AND COMPLETING A PLACEMENT TEST FOR THEIR GOAL AREA: EITHER VOCABULARY, INFORMATIONAL TEXT, OR FICTIONAL TEXT. THE PLACEMENT TESTS STARTS STUDENTS AT THEIR INSTRUCTIONAL LEVEL AND MOVES THEM THROUGH LESSONS AT THEIR OWN PACE. STUDENTS ARE GIVEN TIME TO WORK ON THIS AT SCHOOL, BUT ALSO ARE ENCOURAGED TO PRACTICE AT HOME. FOR EACH LESSON COMPLETED AT HOME, STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE \$20 IN BRAIN BUCKS.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO EARN BRAIN BUCKS INCLUDE COMPLETING TENMARKS.COM LESSONS FOR \$60, WRITING BOOK REVIEWS ON BIBLIONASIUM.COM AND SHARING THEM WITH THEIR CLASSMATES, AND PARTICIPATING IN ESSAY CONTESTS. CURRENTLY STUDENTS CAN PARTICIPATE IN A SCHOLASTIC ESSAY CONTEST ABOUT SHAKING THINGS OFF THAT MAY HURT OUR FEELINGS. THIS ESSAY IS DUE DEC. 3 AND STUDENTS CAN EARN \$200, AND POSSIBLY A CHANCE TO MEET TAYLOR SWIFT. 😊

## Dates to Remember

NOV. 24	PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
NOV. 25	11:20 DISMISSAL
NOV. 26-28	THANKSGIVING BREAK
NOV. 30	ADVENT BEGINS
DEC. 5	START DECORATING FOR DOOR DISPLAY

SNOW DAY: I HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYED THEIR FIRST SNOW DAYS OF THE YEAR. PROJECTS WE HOPED TO COMPLETE BEFORE CONFERENCES WERE PUSHED BACK, SO WE HOPE TO HAVE THESE DONE BEFORE THANKSGIVING BREAK.

SCIENCE: WE ARE CONTINUING TO LEARN ABOUT SPEED AND MOTION. WE HAVE SPENT SOME TIME READING IN OUR SCIENCE BOOKS AND LEARNING DIFFERENT NON-FICTION READING STRATEGIES, AS WELL AS NOTE TAKING STRATEGIES.

SOCIAL STUDIES: STUDENTS WERE GIVEN A LIST OF MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN CITIES AND A NUMBER OF PHYSICAL FEATURES ARE WERE ASKED TO USED AN ATLAS AND FIND THESE PLACES ON THEIR OWN MAP.

READING: WE STARTED THE SIGN OF THE BEAVER FOR OUR HISTORICAL FICTION STUDY. THIS WILL TIE IN NICELY WITH OUR CURRENT UNIT IN SOCIAL STUDIES AND WITH THANKSGIVING COMING UP. STUDENTS EACH HAVE A COPY OF THE BOOK AND WILL BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO READ A CHAPTER OUT LOUD TO THEIR CLASSMATES AND ASK QUESTIONS, THIS IS SIMILAR TO WHAT I DO DURING READ ALOUD TIME. STUDENTS ARE CURRENTLY READING HISTORICAL FICTION IN THEIR LITERATURE CIRCLE BOOKS AS WELL.

\*I HOPE ALL FAMILIES HAVE A GREAT THANKSGIVING! STAY WARM. MRS. OTTE