

Mrs. Otte's Weekly Update

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September 2-5
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Art Prize

THE FIFTH GRADERS WILL BE JOINING THE 6-8TH GRADE CLASSES FOR A FIELD TRIP TO DOWNTOWN GRAND RAPIDS TO EXPLORE ALL THAT ART PRIZE 2014 HAS TO OFFER. THE FIELD TRIP IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH. WE ARE LOOKING FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN US FOR THIS DAY LONG EVENT. PLEASE EMAIL ME IF INTERESTED.

What we are learning...

READING: THIS WEEK WE CONTINUED READING HOLES. WE LEARNED ABOUT CHARACTER TRAITS AND USING EVIDENCE FROM THE STORY (PROOF). WE CONTINUED TO LEARN ABOUT FLASHBACKS AND THE TIMELINE OF EVENTS. WE ALSO INTRODUCED THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF CONFLICTS (PERSON VS. PERSON, PERSON VS. SOCIETY, PERSON VS. SELF, PERSON VS. NATURE, AND PERSON VS. FATE) AND FOUND EXAMPLES IN THE STORY.

Dates to Remember

SEPT. 15	SCHOOL PICTURES
SEPT. 26	ART PRIZE FIELD TRIP & PROGRESS REPORTS SENT HOME
SEPT 29	MAP TESTING STARTS
OCT. 2	MAGAZINE KICK-OFF

WRITING: WE HAVE OFFICIALLY STARTED OUR POETRY UNIT FOR WRITING. WE READ A NUMBER OF POEMS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. WE LEARNED ABOUT ALLITERATION AND HOW IT IS REPETITION OF THE SAME INITIAL SOUND IN SENTENCES OR VERSE. WE THEN TRIED WRITING OUR OWN ALLITERATION POEM.

ENGLISH: THIS WEEK WE FOCUSED ON SIMPLE SUBJECTS AND PREDICATES, AS WELL AS CONJUNCTIONS.

Nightly Reading

I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO BE READING 30 MINUTES PER NIGHT. STUDENTS CHECKED OUT THEIR FIRST BOOK FROM THE LIBRARY THIS WEEK. THEY CAN ALSO TAKE MY CLASSROOM LIBRARY BOOKS HOME EACH NIGHT. THIS TIME CAN BE USED FOR READING FOR THEIR READING OLYMPICS PROJECTS.

DURING READ ALOUD TIME THIS YEAR, I WILL BE READING BOOKS THAT HAVE SEQUELS. I CHALLENGE STUDENTS TO CHECK OUT THE SEQUELS AND READ THEM! AS WELL AS READ BOOKS BY THE SAME AUTHOR!

RELIGION: WE LEARNED HOW JESUS SHARES GOD'S LIFE WITH US AND HOW WE CAN DO THE SAME IN OUR DAILY LIVES.

SOCIAL STUDIES: STUDENTS WERE INTRODUCED TO THE FIVE THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY AND TOOK NOTES AS WE READ OUT OF OUR SOCIAL STUDIES BOOK. STUDENTS THEN STARTED THEIR GEOGRAPHIC TERMS DICTIONARY. EXAMPLES OF TERMS INCLUDE: ISTHMUS, ISLAND, BAY, ETC. THIS WILL BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.

Upcoming Tests:

No Upcoming Tests next week.

Math Quiz Tuesday

SCIENCE: STUDENTS WERE INTRODUCED TO OUR FIRST UNIT, THE SOLAR SYSTEM, SPACE, AND EARTH. WE WILL BE WORKING ON THIS THROUGHOUT THE FIRST QUARTER.