

Mrs. Otte's Weekly Update

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Revamping Spelling Practice!

THIRD QUARTER CAN BE TOUGH FOR ALL STUDENTS! STUDENTS ARE TIRED OF THE SAME THING WEEK AFTER WEEK, AND THE SPELLING WORDS ARE CONTINUALLY GETTING HARDER AND HARDER! ON MY WEBSITE, UNDER THE SPELLING TAB, I HAVE INCLUDED TWO NEW LINKS. THE FIRST LINK IS FOR THE CREATIVE TYPE! THERE ARE A LIST OF WAYS TO PRACTICE THE SPELLING WORDS IN A FUN WAY. THE SECOND LINK IS FOR SPELLINGCITY.COM. I WILL BE POSTING THE WORDS EACH WEEK AND STUDENTS CAN GET ON AND PLAY GAMES TO PRACTICE THE WORDS AND EVEN TAKE A TEST ON THEIR OWN (WITHOUT THE HELP OF A PARENT READING OFF THE WORDS)! I ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO HAVE THEIR CHILD TRY OUT THESE TWO LINKS.

Religion: FIFTH GRADERS DID A FABULOUS JOB AT OUR SCHOOL MASS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY. THE STUDENTS RECEIVED MANY COMPLIMENTS AND REPRESENTED HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL IN A VERY POSITIVE LIGHT TO ALL OF THE HOLY TRINITY PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS.

Math: STUDENTS WORKED ON MULTIPLYING A WHOLE NUMBER AND A FRACTION, AS WELL AS MULTIPLYING A FRACTION BY A FRACTION. THE "RULES" TO SOLVING THESE PROBLEMS ARE EASY! IT IS THE UNDERLYING UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT WE ARE DOING THAT MAKES FRACTIONS DIFFICULT. STUDENTS ARE LOVING PRODIGYGAME.COM! WOW!

Reading: WE ARE CONTINUING TO READ WONDER AS OUR CLASS READ ALOUD. WE ARE ALSO WORKING ON READING STORIES FROM MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES. AS WE LEARNED ABOUT CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS, WE READ FROM BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SOURCES TO GET A ROUNDED IDEA OF THE EVENT.

DURING OUR SILENT READING TIME THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK, I AM MEETING WITH STUDENTS TO GO OVER THEIR OLYMPIAN LEVEL PROJECTS. IF STUDENTS DO NOT HAVE ALL NEEDED PARTS OF THE PROJECT, THE PROJECTS ARE SENT BACK TO CORRECT. THE TWO OLYMPIAN, ONE BRONZE, AND ONE SILVER LEVEL PROJECTS ARE DUE AT THE END OF THE THIRD QUARTER. THE GOLD PROJECT WILL BE DUE THE END OF MAY. AFTER NEXT WEEK, IF YOUR CHILD HAS NOT COMPLETED TWO OF THE FOUR PROJECTS, PARENTS WILL BE RECEIVING A NOTE.

Dates to Remember

FEB. 25	BISHOP WALKOWIAK TO VISIT
FEB. 27	STUDENT COUNCIL "GENE" DAY
MARCH 17	SCHOOL RECONCILIATION
MARCH 20	NO SCHOOL
MARCH 26	CURRICULUM FAIR