



Mrs. Otte's Weekly Update



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Reading Olympics

STUDENTS HAVE HAD ALL YEAR TO WORK ON THEIR READING OLYMPIC PROJECTS. I HAVE BEEN REMINDING STUDENTS ABOUT THE DUE DATES AND I JUST WANTED TO REMIND PARENTS AS WELL. A SHEET WENT HOME LAST WEEK, REMINDING EVERYONE OF THE DEADLINE. PLEASE ENCOURAGE STUDENTS EACH NIGHT TO SPEND TIME WORKING TOWARDS THESE PROJECTS. I ALLOW TIME IN SCHOOL AS WELL, BUT THAT IS NOT ALWAYS GUARANTEED. I HAVE ALSO REMINDED STUDENTS THAT THE TIME THEY WORK ON THESE PROJECTS CAN COUNT TOWARDS THEIR 40 MINUTES OF NIGHTLY READING. THE END OF THE QUARTER IS QUICKLY APPROACHING AND MANY STUDENT HAVE TWO PROJECTS THEY NEED TO FINISH BEFORE THEN. WITH THE WEATHER HOPEFULLY TURNING NICE QUICKLY, I DON'T WANT STUDENTS TO WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO FINISH THESE PROJECTS, WHEN THEY WOULD RATHER BE OUTSIDE! THE SIGNED LETTERS WILL BE IN THEIR FRIDAY FOLDERS SO YOU HAVE THEM FOR REFERENCE.

THIS IS ONE OF THE MANY WAYS FIFTH GRADE IS PREPARING STUDENTS TO MANAGE THEIR TIME TO COMPLETE A PROJECT BY THE DEADLINE. I WANT STUDENTS TO TAKE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE COMPLETION OF THESE PROJECTS. THEY HAVE MANY BOOKS TO CHOOSE FROM TO COMPLETE THESE PROJECTS!

Math: STUDENTS ARE WRAPPING UP THEIR FRACTIONS UNIT THIS WEEK. WE WILL FINISH BY REVIEWING AREA OF RECTANGLES, PARALLELOGRAMS, AND TRIANGLES AND USING FRACTIONS FOR THE LENGTH AND WIDTH OF OUR SHAPES. STUDENTS HAVE WORKED SO HARD ON THIS UNIT. I KNOW IT IS NOT AN EASY TASK. WE WILL BE WORKING ON VOLUME NEXT!

Writing: STUDENTS MAGAZINE ARTICLES ARE COMING ALONG NICELY. WE TALKED ABOUT CATCHY TITLES THIS WEEK AS WELL AS INCLUDING TEXT FEATURES IN OUR REPORTS.

English: WE LEARNED ALL ABOUT ADJECTIVES THIS WEEK. WE WILL WRAP UP OUR UNIT ON ADJECTIVES NEXT WEEK AND MOVE ON TO LEARNING ABOUT PRONOUNS. STUDENTS ARE WORKING ON DIAGRAMMING SENTENCES EACH DAY TO REMEMBER ALL THE PARTS OF SPEECH WE HAVE LEARNED THIS YEAR.

Science and Social Studies: WE LEARNED ABOUT THE DIFFERENT COMPONENTS OF BLOOD AND WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM NEXT. STUDENTS WORKED ON THEIR FINAL GOVERNMENT PROJECT AND WILL BE FINISHING THEM NEXT WEEK. WE WILL BE UPLOADING THESE TO THE WEBSITE SOON!

Dates to Remember

MARCH 13, 27	STATIONS OF THE CROSS — 2:00
MARCH 17	SCHOOL RECONCILIATION
MARCH 20	NO SCHOOL
MARCH 26	CURRICULUM FAIR
MARCH 27	END OF THE QUARTER