



Mrs. Otte's Weekly Update



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April 13 - 17
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Edition 29

Sharon Creech Author Study

OVER BREAK I TOOK HOME A COUPLE BOOKS I HAVE BEEN WANTING TO READ IN HOPES OF THEN SHARING THESE BOOKS WITH THE CLASS. I READ TWO BOOKS BY SHARON CREECH AND WAS HOOKED! I WANTED TO INTRODUCE THE STUDENTS TO THIS AUTHOR AND I DECIDED WE WOULD START A NOVEL STUDY! AFTER SPENDING TIME ON SHARON CREECH'S WEBSITE, DISCUSSING THE AWARDS HER BOOKS HAD WON, AND LOOKING UP REVIEWS ON AMAZON.COM AND GOODREAD.COM, STUDENTS SELECTED ONE OF HER NOVELS TO READ THIS MONTH. SIMILAR TO LITERATURE GROUPS, STUDENTS WILL MEET AND DISCUSS THE AUTHOR'S WRITING STYLE, TONE, THEMES, ETC. WITHIN HER BOOKS. THIS WILL PREPARE US TO WRITE A LITERACY ESSAY NEXT MONTH FOR OUR LAST BIG WRITING UNIT. HOPEFULLY STUDENTS WILL ALSO BECOME HOOKED AND WANT TO READ OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR!

Math: NEXT UNIT IN MATH IS OUR MEASUREMENT UNIT. STUDENTS WILL REVIEW BOTH THE CUSTOMARY AND METRIC SYSTEMS AND WILL REVIEW SOME OF THE MAIN VOCABULARY BEFORE WE TAKE THE MATH MAP TEST THE FIRST WEEK IN MAY.

English: STUDENTS ARE LEARNING ABOUT ADVERBS THIS WEEK. AFTER THIS UNIT, STUDENTS WILL HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED TO ALL PARTS OF SPEECH AND WILL BE READY TO TAKE THE LANGUAGE USAGE MAP TEST NEXT WEEK. WE WILL BE WATCHING A NUMBER OF BRAINPOP VIDEOS AS ANOTHER REVIEW TOOL. I'M EXCITED TO SEE THEIR GROWTH IN THIS AREA AS THIS WAS A CLASS GOAL TARGET AREA FROM OUR WINTER TESTING. IN WRITING WE ARE WORKING ON PERSONAL NARRATIVES. IT IS ALWAYS FUN TO WRITE ABOUT OURSELVES!

Reading: WE ARE STARTING OUR NEXT READING UNIT ON TRADITIONAL LITERATURE WITH A FOCUS ON TALL TALES. STUDENTS WILL READ A NUMBER OF TALL TALES AND WILL COMPARE THE SAME STORIES WRITTEN BY DIFFERENT AUTHORS. STUDENTS WILL EVENTUALLY WRITE THEIR OWN TALL TALES TO SHARE!

Religion: STUDENTS PREPARED FOR THEIR LAST FIFTH GRADE MASS. WITH COMING BACK FROM BREAK AND STARTING THE FOURTH QUARTER, WE CELEBRATE MANY "LASTS." THIS WEEK STUDENTS WERE EXCITED TO PICK THEIR LAST FIFTH GRADE CLASSROOM JOB.

Science and Social Studies: IN SCIENCE WE READ ABOUT THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM AND TOOK NOTES. IN SOCIAL STUDIES WE ARE LEARNING ABOUT TRADING BETWEEN COUNTRIES AND WILL BE CREATING A PROJECT ON DIFFERENT COUNTRIES' IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

Dates to Remember

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| APRIL 23 | READING MAP TESTING |
| APRIL 28 | SCIENCE MAP TESTING |
| APRIL 30 | LANGUAGE USAGE MAP TESTING |
| MAY 6 | MATH MAP TESTING |

*PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HAVE YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL ON THESE DAYS. FINDING ADDITIONAL TIME TO TEST IS VERY DIFFICULT IN OUR SHORT TIME FRAME. IF THERE IS A CONFLICT, PLEASE EMAIL ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.