

Mrs. Otte's Weekly Update

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September 22-26
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Edition 5

Curriculum Corner

Fluency Sheets Came Home This Week

THIS WEEK STUDENTS BROUGHT HOME A SHORT READING PASSAGE WITH A COUPLE COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOWED. FIFTH GRADERS WILL RECEIVE A DIFFERENT STORY EVERY WEEK. YOU PROBABLY NOTICED THAT SOME OF THE BOLD WORDS WERE SPELLING WORDS FOR THE WEEK. THIS IS A GREAT WAY FOR THE STUDENTS TO SEE THE WORDS IN READING. I ASKED THE FIFTH GRADERS TO READ THE STORY/ARTICLE OUT LOUD TO AN ADULT. WHEN SIGNING THESE SHEETS, I KNOW THAT YOUR CHILD READ IT OUT LOUD TO YOU ONCE THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.

Literature Circles Start Next Week:

NEXT WEEK WE WILL BE WRAPPING UP OUR READING UNIT ON REALISTIC FICTION AND MOVING TO OUR STUDY OF SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY. I WILL BE READING ALOUD THE BOOK THE CITY OF EMBER. EACH DAY WE WILL HAVE A MINI LESSON AND WILL PRACTICE THE SKILL AS A GROUP USING THE READ ALOUD BOOK. THEN STUDENTS WILL BE COMPLETING THE SAME TASK FOR THEIR FANTASY BOOK THEY WILL BE READING IN GROUPS. MUCH OF THE READING FOR THESE FANTASY BOOKS WILL BE DONE AT HOME DURING THEIR 30 MINUTES OF READING TIME. THEY WILL MEET WEEKLY WITH THEIR GROUP MEMBERS TO DISCUSS THE BOOK. MEMBERS WILL HAVE SPECIFIC ROLES. GROUPS WILL LEARN TO WORK TOGETHER AND LEARN TO CONTRIBUTE EQUALLY TO GROUP WORK.

Dates to Remember

SEPT. 30	WATCHING HOLES
OCT 1, 8, 15, 22	MAP TESTING — FIFTH GRADE WILL BE TESTING AFTER LUNCH
OCT. 2	MAGAZINE KICK-OFF
OCT. 8	FIFTH GRADE MASS
OCT. 13	NO SCHOOL
OCT. 21	PICTURE RETAKES
OCT. 24	END OF FIRST QUARTER

Math:

STUDENTS ARE WORKING VERY HARD ON MULTIPLICATION. THEY ARE REVIEWING HOW TO MULTIPLY TWO DIGIT BY TWO DIGIT NUMBERS. WE INTRODUCED THREE DIGIT BY THREE DIGIT MULTIPLICATION AS WELL. SOON WE WILL BE MULTIPLYING DECIMALS. TO PRACTICE MULTIPLICATION, OUR CLASS HAD A MULTIPLICATION SCAVENGER HUNT WHERE THEY HAD TO FIND AND SOLVE 15 FACTS. THE STUDENTS LOVED GETTING OUT OF THEIR SEATS AND MOVING AROUND THE ROOM.

ASK YOUR CHILDREN THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS THAT RELATE TO WHAT WE LEARNED THIS WEEK:

1. WHAT IS PERSONIFICATION?
2. WHAT ARE POSSESSIVE NOUNS?
3. WHAT ARE THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION?
4. WHAT ARE THE MOON PHASES?
5. WHAT MOON PHASE ARE WE SEEING RIGHT NOW IN THE NIGHT SKY?
6. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A POLITICAL MAP AND A PHYSICAL MAP?

Condorsaurus Rex Blog

THE SCHOOL BLOG IS UP AND RUNNING AGAIN THIS YEAR. THERE IS A LINK ON MY WEBSITE TO GET TO THE BLOG, JUST CLICK ON THE CONDOR! YOU CAN ALSO GO TO HTCONDOR.BLOGSPOT.COM. OUR CLASS MADE AN APPEARANCE THIS WEEK!

Upcoming Tests:

Holes Comprehension Test Monday
Religion Unit One — Open book test Thursday
Phases of the Moon Quiz Friday
Spelling Test Friday
Social Studies Map Quiz Friday

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND. NEXT WEEK'S EDITION WILL BE ALL ABOUT OUR ARTPRIZE FIELD TRIP!

MRS. OTTE 😊