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Mrs. White's 2nd Grade Newsletter...

Date: August 26, 2013

Math: We started switching math groups last week. We will switch Monday-Thursday each week. On Friday we will not switch and focus on Exemplars in our homeroom class. Remember that math groups are designed to meet each individual needs and based on their pretest. The focus for this period is place value. They must show a number 4 different ways: word form, expanded form, base 10, and the value of each digit (example: 4 hundrends = 40 tens or 4 hundreds = 400 ones). We will also be working on the largest to smallest numbers when given 3 digits. Skip counting by 5 and 10 within 3 digit numbers (235, 240, 245) and (355, 365, 375). The children also have to read numbers to 1000 (385 = three hundrend eighty five). Be sure they do not say "and" when reading the numbers.

Spelling: Save each list!!! Review ALL the words!!! They will be tested continuously on ALL of them.

Reading: After reading a story, the children are required to answer who, what, where, when, why and how questions to demonstrate understanding of the text.

***It's time... the children need to be reading and taking AR test. This 9 week period, the goal is set for 6 points and the 9 weeks is ticking away. READ!

Science: We will be having our first Science Lab on August 27th. We can't wait! In class we have already started studying the "States of Matter" (gas, solid, and liquid). We had fun today investigating gas. Be sure to ask your child about our adventures with balloons, bubbles, and straws.

Also, there will be a party in the Science Lab and Garden for the classes with the highest percentage of student family donations. Any amount large or small is appreciated and with 100% participation we could win!!!

Social Studies: We have not started our unit in Social Studies yet. Once we finish our science for this 9 week period, we will move on to Social Studies.

Writing: We are working on Narrative writing. This piece needs to have a sequence of events, include details to describe actions, thoughts, and feelings, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide a sense of closure.

Word of the Week: Every week we will have a new word. The standard is to determine the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases in reading and content. Every time a child uses the new word in their writing or speaking they will receive a sticker for their chart.

Daily Schedule:

7:20-8:00: Unpack and get ready for the day, Announcements, Early Bird Activity and/or Walk Fit
8:00-8:10: Calendar and Number Talks
8:10-9:05: Math
9:05-10:30: Daily 5 (Guided Reading, Word Work, Writers Workshop, Listening to Stories, Read to Self)
10:35-11:20: Specials: Monday: Art, Tuesday: PE, Wednesday: Music, Thursday: PE, Friday: ROTATES
11:25-12:00: continue Language Arts
12:05-12:35: Lunch
12:40-1:00: Recess
1:00-2:15 Social Studies, Science, Health and Integrated with the LA block
2:15-2:20 Assignment Sheets and Pick up the Room
Computer Lab: every Wednesday 1:30-2:15
Science Lab: every other week Tuesday 12:40-1:25
Guidance: once a month Friday 1:15-2:00
Buddy Class: every other Friday 1:30-2:10
Media Center: weekly- days may vary

8-29 Ice Cream Social For new students to GM.	9-11 Patriot Day (wear Red, White, and Blue)
8-30 School Spirit : wear your favorite team's shirt	9-11 Science.. Matter Mania for our class
8-30 Foundation Annual Fund Drive Ends... Remember any amount goes toward our classes 100%!	9-13 Fall Picture Day
9-2 Labor Day Holiday	9-16 Reading Night (6:00)

Other News:

Remember, HEALTHY NO MESS

Snacks! They eat while they work. Thank you!
Suggestions: fresh fruit, fruit cups (please drain and put in an easy open container), dried fruit, vegetables, rice cakes, popcorn, crackers, cheese, pretzels, trail mix, whole grain cereal and breakfast bars... Thank you ahead of time for staying away from the "sugary" snacks!



NEEDED...

We will

be having Matter Mania in the science lab on September 11th, 9:45-10:30. In order to make these centers and experiments run smoothly, we need 5 parent volunteers. Please e-mail me as soon as possible if you are available and interested. First come, first serve!

