

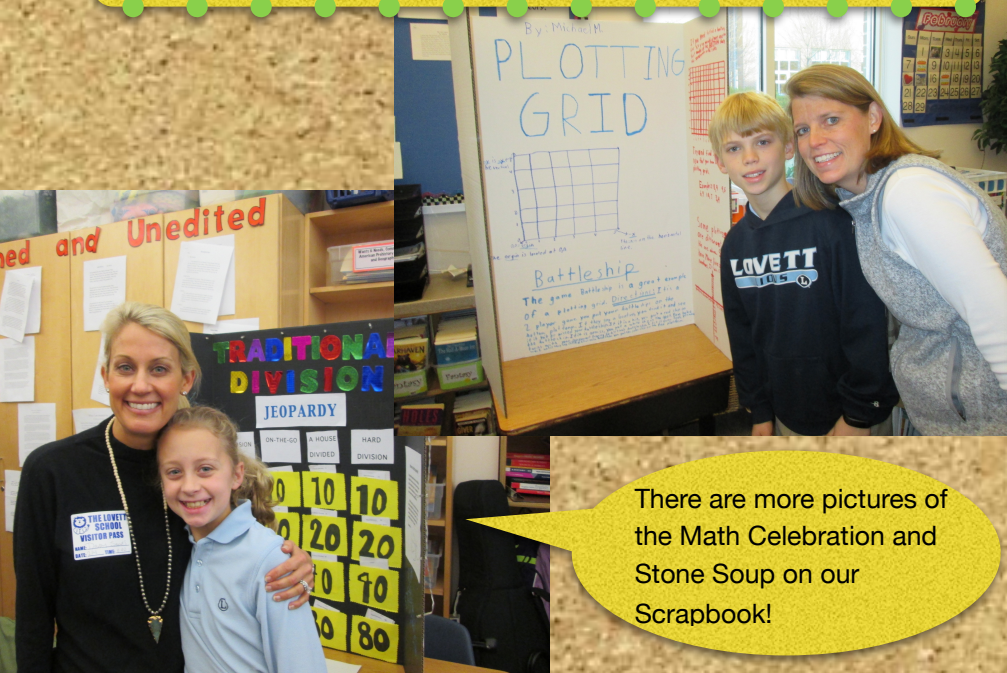
Newsletter

February 5th, 2016

Our Math Celebration Was A Big Hit!

The students absolutely loved sharing their wonderful projects. Enthusiasm and expertise abounded! We are so glad that so many parents were able to join us for our celebration of math.

Thank you



There are more pictures of the Math Celebration and Stone Soup on our Scrapbook!

Valentine Box Mania!

We can't wait to see the Valentine Box creations! Thank you for waiting until the 10th to bring your Valentine Box and cards to school.

Author Visit

Author/Illustrator, Henry Cole, will be visiting the Lovett Lower School on Feb. 23 for the whole day. Mr. Cole has been to Lovett before, and particularly requested from his publisher, Peachtree Publishers, to see if we would host him again. He will be speaking to grades 3 - 4 about his new book, *The Somewhat True Adventures of Sammy Shine*. Sammy is an adorable mouse on a BIG adventure. Mr. Cole will be talking to the lower grades about his many picture books. A form will come home soon giving students a chance to order a book, and have it personalized.

Updates, Reminders, & FYIs This Week

- ✓ Monday through Friday is C through G Days.
- ✓ Wednesday - Math Celebration Projects go home.
- ✓ Thursday - Chinese New Year Parade - 8:15
- ✓ Friday - Chapel
- ✓ Friday - Valentine's Day Party 12:30 - 1:30

FYIs... 👁️👁️

The end of the 2nd Trimester is February 12th. The parent conferences for the 25th and 26th are scheduled. The schedule will be sent home this week. If your designated time is not convenient, please trade with someone. If this is a problem... email me. We will find a mutually convenient time.

The "Papers to be Signed and Returned" form was sent home on Friday. Thank you for reviewing your child's work and for signing and returning the noted papers.

Please visit the Scrapbook on our class website for some great pictures throughout the year!

Here's What We Are Studying

Math

We were able to complete the Unit 7 lessons on Wednesday. An in-depth review took place on Thursday. The Oral/Slate and the Written Assessments were given on Friday. On Monday, the Open Response will be given.

Unit 8; Area and Perimeter is the new focus. The students will revisit the "Fraction of the Whole" formula and the types of triangles. Becoming more familiar with the measurement of 2D figures is the goal.

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Type To Lean lessons through Lesson 16 must be completed by February 12th.

Reader's Workshop

Our Social Issues Book Clubs are going strong. The reading goals for this week will be for Tuesday and Friday. "Lunch Bunch" book club chats are also in the works.

We will complete our first mini-lesson on prejudice this week.

Social Studies

We've completed readings and discussions through the first five topics on the study guide. We haven't gone over the notes for the 5th topic.

On Wednesday, the students will be treated to a Google Expedition class that lands them in the Galapagos Islands. This should be exciting!

Writer's Workshop

Grammar/Punctuation Study

The noun and punctuation study is stretching into this week. We will be looking at Comma Splices and the use of semicolons.

The student's also started practicing their grammar and convention skills on a site called Mr Anker's Fourth Grade Tests. A chart was provided, so the students can keep track of their assignments and note their performance in percentages.

Word Study - Sort 11 will be provided on Monday.

Weekly Writing - Our writers were also introduced to WPP (Writing Practice Program) Online. This is a wonderful site that supports skills needed for the WrAP (standardized writing testing) which will take place the last week in April.

The students are given prompts. They must plan/pre-write prior to typing their piece. The piece is automatically graded and feedback is provided, along with specific lessons/videos that can be viewed to improve their performance.

The prompt for this week is "Moved Into a Tree House." There is a brief set of directions for how to tackle this narrative. I just went online and noticed how many students are already working on this piece. YEA! I am so glad that laptops can go home on weekends! Love the motivation level! However, WPP Online can be accessed from any computer.