

Newsletter

May 13th, 2016

THANK YOU

Jenna and I would like to thank you for your cards, special treats, and lovely notes. Thank you for making our Teacher's Appreciation Week a very special week.

Market Madness Has Arrived!

Businesses are formed. Partners are strategizing how to move forward in making their companies a success.

In order to operate a business, each company must have a license. The goods and/or services to be provided must be approved by the Marketing Director (me) in advance. Every owner must complete the business contract form (which was due Friday). Owners should be gathering resources and making their goods and/or services now. Advertising is big! That's our next focus!

Parents, mark your calendars. The Fourth Grade Market will be open for your shopping pleasure on May 24th from 8:30 - 9:00 or on May 25th from 1:00 - 1:30. The bank (that's me) will be floating you loans! The market is for 4th graders and their families. I am sorry, but we can't accommodate younger/older siblings at Lovett too.

Please join us. We're hoping you will shop until you drop!

Please Let Me Know!

May 26th is a noon dismissal. May 27th is a 9:45 dismissal. The 27th is set aside for our students to watch the 5th grade graduation ceremony. If your child will not be here on that day, please let us know, so we can say our "Good-Byes" on Thursday.

Updates, Reminders, & FYIs This Week

- ✓Monday - No School - Optional Parent Conferences
- ✓Tuesday through Thursday is F through A Days.
- ✓Friday is Fun Day. - Noon Dismissal - T-Shirts will be provided for the students. Further updates to follow.

FYIs... 👁️👁️

Save the Dates

The Lower School Spring Musical
May 25th - 9:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.

The "Papers to be Signed and Returned" form was sent home on Friday. Thank you for signing and returning the noted papers.

Summer Reading

A 5th grade teacher will be giving a presentation about the summer reading requirements. Updates to follow.

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

Here's What We Are Studying

Math

On Friday, the students took the Basic Fact Fluency Progress Check for multiplication and division. The goal for the students was to work towards automaticity. A copy of the results of this assessment will be sent home.

This week will be going over the End-of-the-Year Assessment. Unit 12 lessons were started on Friday. I am going to give the Unit 12 Assessment as a tool to determine what concepts/skills need to be addressed. We will focus on these skills. There will not be a graded Unit 12 assessment.

Writer's Workshop

Focus: Narrative Writing

"The Arc of the Story"

Our writers learned more about the "Heroes Matter" project last week. In addition, Ms. Green read the students a story written by the founder of this organization. The story was about fictional characters who help make a difference in the world once they became aware of a need. Our writers are using this book as their mentor text.

Grammar Study - It's all about pronouns right now! The goal is to be able to identify the different types of pronouns and how they are used. Making sure their narrative does not include the vague use of pronouns is another goal for writing a great piece.

Word Study - The Sort 15 Quiz will be provided on Tuesday. The quiz will be given on the following Tuesday.

Weekly Writing - The "Hero" narrative is due Thursday. The students used our narrative prewriting template to make sure their stories are well planned and include all of the parts of a meaningful narrative. I look forward to reading about a lot of heroes who help to make our world a better place.

Social Studies

Last week, our economic lessons focused on the concepts of the laws of "supply and demand," scarcity, and opportunity cost. We will continue looking at other economic concepts while discussing how to move forward with the companies.

I will help the students determine how to price their goods. For now, their goal is to create their goods and services.

We will be discussing the importance of advertising this week. All businesses should have a large poster for display that shares the name of the company, as well as the goods/services offered, and why you should shop with this company.

Our history lessons are tapering off. There will not be a final social studies test because we will not be covering an entire unit. I will ask the students to share their understandings in the form of the final entries for their Bare Books.

Red Alert!
May 19th is the due date to complete through Lesson 24 of Type to Learn.

Reader's Workshop

The students were given a practice test in preparation for the historical fiction assessment. We will review the pre-assessment and discuss strategies for writing strong responses for the final assessment next week. The final assessment will be completed at school on Thursday.