

Newsletter

September 11th, 2015

Parent Night Was Great!
We are so glad
we had this time together!



This is what it looks like when you break from your social studies test review to meet chickens!



Updates, Reminders, & FYIs

This Week

- ✓ Monday - G Day - Chapel
 - ✓ Tuesday - E Day
 - ✓ Wednesday - F Day
 - ✓ Thursday - D Day
 - ✓ Friday - A Day
- Got that?

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! 👁️

****INDIVIDUAL YEARBOOK PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN ON MONDAY AT 9:15.**

FYIs... 👁️

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Application - MAC (944.65MB)

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(1.01GB)

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After you have downloaded and installed the Type To Learn 4 program, students should login using their assigned username, password, and account code.

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

Here's What We Are Studying

Math

Our current unit is called, "Using Numbers and Organizing Data." The beginning of the unit focused on place value. The last half of the unit takes a closer look at collecting and organizing data. We will complete the final unit lesson the beginning of next week.

Study guides should be kept in Homework Folders on the "Keeper" side... ready for action! We are reinforcing concepts and taking notes as lessons are taught.

We will also continue our focus on learning how to subtract when there are zeros in the minuend.

Writer's Workshop

Focus: Personal Narrative (Small Moment Writing)

Grandparents should have been contacted and interviews scheduled. The students will learn how to box their prewriting fragments into paragraphs this week. They will also learn how to set up a word document and use their flash drives. Once prewriting is approved, students may begin drafting their pieces.

Word Study - We will review for the Sort 2 Quiz on Monday. The quiz will be given on Tuesday. Students need to remember to study the sort words, "Noticings," and their PSWs (Personal Spelling Words).

Weekly Writing - Writers will be totally engaged in the writing process of completing their grandparents'/special older persons' small moment narrative. For the next two weeks, prewriting, drafting, revising, and editing is the goal. Some Writer's Workshop classes will be dedicated to this work, as well as conferencing, however, writers are expected to complete most of their typing at home.

Reader's Workshop

Now that we've completed lessons on meaningful jottings and powerful reading responses, it's time for the readers to dive into book clubs.

On Monday, we will complete our review of potential book club titles. The students will submit post-its rating their favorite top choices. I will divide the students into clubs based on these choices. Book clubs will start on Tuesday. The first reading and writing goals will be for Friday. The back of Reader's Notebooks have writing goal questions for the students to consider. Sometimes, I will select the goal.

On Friday, Book Clubbers will share their responses, discuss the story, and set new reading and writing goals for the next week.

Social Studies

We reviewed on Wednesday and Thursday. On Monday, we will discuss and highlight the key words to remember for the final topics on the Prehistory Study Guide. On Tuesday, we will have a final review practicing how to respond to the questions in the format they are asked on the test. The assessment is on Wednesday.

The students were told to take home their social studies notebooks every day, since the reviews began last week, to study for this test.