

^{3/4} Multi-Age Classroom News



Teacher Notes

Week of April 23, 2018

Happy Spring! I think (and hope and pray and knock on wood!) that it might actually be done snowing?!?! It feels nice to have the windows open and breathe that fresh air! Along with spring comes new beginnings and changes! Please be sure you watch the WaveWatcher as well as the calendar page on my classroom page on our website to see the up to date information!

NWEA is almost done for the year! We will be completing our tests on Thursday. You will receive a copy of the results in your child's report card on the last day of school. If you want to meet with me and do a parent/teacher conference before the end of the year, please don't hesitate to contact me.

In Language Arts, we are focusing on the parts of speech. We are refreshing as well as adding the strategies of reflexive pronouns, irregular verbs, clauses, etc. Spelling will continue and we have tests on Fridays. They will have language quizzes on Fridays as well. These are nothing to study for - they learn the strategies for both of these and use them in every day work in the classroom. In writing, they are working on paragraph writing, letter writing format and we will do a poetry unit starting on Monday.

In Math, we are working hard on fractions! We're currently using the 4th grade math book to support the lessons, as well as the DMP, other class work from other sources, and centers where they practice their learned skills. They are finding out that if they are rusty on their math facts, fractions bring an immense amount of frustration. If they come home without homework, math fact practice is a great place to be on MobyMax! I also have many assignments for them in MobyMax in all subject areas. These are part of their grade as well.

In Social Studies, we are reviewing the regions we've studied as a whole and will be learning about some of the things in history that affected our nation today. They will have a test over all the states and their abbreviations (not capitals) tentatively Friday, May 18. Following that test, we will have a final lunch and each student can bring their favorite food from their favorite region (their request!)

In Science we are working on Physical Science - Unit 1 is matter, which we will be finishing up this week and will have a test next Tuesday. They will bring home their notebooks with study guides over the weekend.

In Religion we are working on memorizing Hail Holy Queen. They will be tested over this next week on Thursday. The prayer is on the next page of this newsletter.

Auction update

Thank you so much to those who worked tirelessly on this year's auction! We raised over \$43,000! A huge thank you to the Hoffman Family who won our class project! Mrs. Santrucek, Mrs. Feldpausch, Mrs. Krane and all others - you blew it out of the water this year! If you're interested in serving on next year's committee, let Mrs. Heatwole or Mrs. Santrucek know! The planning starts over the summer for donations, so a head start is necessary!



[Please refer to our website for the rest of the year for current events!](#)

Field Trip

June 1st is our proposed/tentative/hopeful date for our field trip to Paradise Park in Novi! The cost is not cheap, and the kids would like to try to lower the cost as much as they can. One idea that we are doing is collecting returnable cans. Miss Esch has been gracious with her time and is returning them for us. So far, we've collected 545 cans! I have encouraged them to ask friends and family to help as well. Or...they can return them and bring in the return slip and I'll cash them in at the end. We are keeping track and setting goals in the classroom and I'll update as we go.

Ask Your Child About...

Oobleck & "Rock" Candy
Rules about nouns
Recorder piece for concert



Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy,
our life, our sweetness, and our hope.

To you do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve.

To you do we send up our sighs
mourning and weeping in this vale
of tears.

Turn, then, most gracious Advocate,
your eyes of mercy towards us;
and after this exile
show us the blessed fruit of your
womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.

