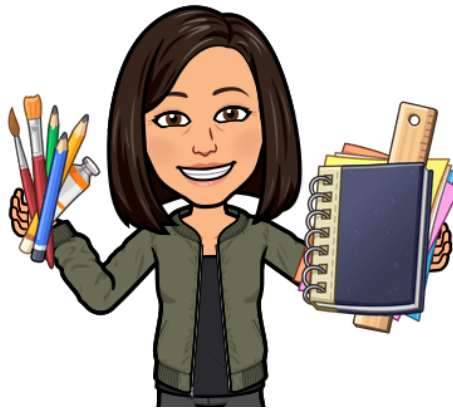


CLASSROOM UPDATES



APRIL 1-12, 2024

LITERACY

Poetry Unit of Study

We will kick off National Poetry Month this week with the first lessons from our next Schoolwide unit. During the poetry unit, students will study and hopefully learn to appreciate the functions of language. The first lessons will have students exploring the structure of poetry and how it affects the meaning of the poem. They will analyze the use of sound in poems like alliteration, onomatopoeia, and rhyme. They will practice using strategies like visualizing, determining the author's purpose, and asking questions to gain a deeper understanding of a poem.

Writer's Workshop: Expository Writing

In this next unit, students will be learning about the art of nonfiction writing. During our first lessons, we will be reading and discussing published nonfiction texts as we focus on the structure of this style of writing. We will look at the use of subtopics and various nonfiction text features. We will use these books to help us brainstorm possible topics that we can research and write about over the course of the unit.

MATH IN FOCUS with MRS. McLOONE

Unit 9: Ratios

Students are learning to use ratios to compare two or three quantities. They will learn to make equivalent ratios and to find ratios in simplest forms. Mrs. McLoone will reach out with more information regarding test dates.

BIG IDEAS MATH with MRS. CIONI

Unit 8: Surface Area and Volume

In this unit, students will be working with three-dimensional figures. They will learn to use their area formulas from Unit 4 to find surface area of both prisms and pyramids. Students will also find the volume of prisms with fractional edge lengths.

SCIENCE

Ecosystems

In these first two weeks, students will be learning about the key components of an ecosystem and the survival needs of living things. Through analysis of nutrition labels, we will be learning about ways that food provides the nutrients and energy that all animals need to survive. As part of this unit, we will be setting up a composting bin in our classroom to observe earthworms in action!

UPCOMING DATES

- ✓ April 3 Happy Birthday, Hunter!
- ✓ April 4 Fifth Grade Picture/Club Photos...WEAR YOUR FIFTH GRADE TSHIRT!
- ✓ April 5 Digital Citizenship with Officer O'Leary at 2:00 PM
- ✓ April 7 Happy Birthday, Camden!
- ✓ April 8 Solar Eclipse
- ✓ April 9 Individual Math Contest #3 from 12:40-1:10 PM
- ✓ April 9 Bus Evacuation Drill
- ✓ April 11 Team Math Contest #3 from 12:40-1:10 PM
- ✓ April 17 Courthouse Field Trip 9:15-12:00 PM
- ✓ April 18 Assembly: 3rd Grade Performance at 2:45 PM
- ✓ April 19 Candor Health Education: Human Reproduction from 10:30-12:00 PM
- ✓ April 26 Tour of Thomas Middle School from 9:15-10:45 AM
- ✓ April MAP Testing (Math & Reading) Dates & times coming soon...

If at any time you or your child have any questions regarding this information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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