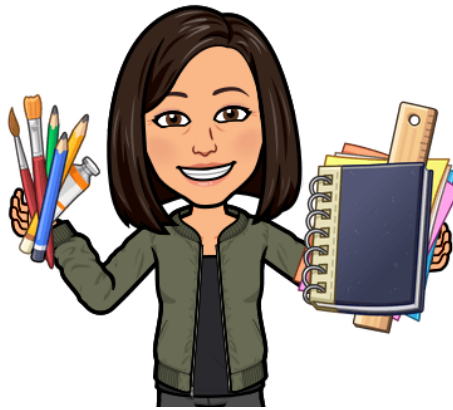


CLASSROOM UPDATES



APRIL 15-26, 2024

LITERACY

Poetry Unit of Study

Our next poetry lessons will focus on strategies for unlocking the meaning of poetry– using background knowledge, context clues, and photographs to interpret the message of a poem. Students will be comparing and contrasting poems to draw conclusions about similar themes and ideas.

April Book Clubs

For our final book clubs students have formed their own groups, selected their own genre/books, and have set their own reading schedules. Books Clubs will be meeting on **Thursdays– April 18, April 25, May 2, and May 9** to discuss that week’s reading. In lieu of the letters they usually write to me each week, groups have chosen a written task to prepare for their meeting that they will be turning in on Thursdays.

Writer’s Workshop: Expository Writing

Students are learning about the art of nonfiction writing. During our first lessons, we continue to read and discuss published nonfiction texts as we focus on the structure of this style of writing. We analyze the use of subtopics and various nonfiction text features. Students have been practicing writing about what they are learning as they read, as well as generating questions and topics to write about for their own nonfiction book. As we read and write about our learning, we are focusing on the skill of paraphrasing and putting ideas into our own words.

MATH IN FOCUS with MRS. McLOONE

Unit 10: Percents

Students will be learning to use a percent to represent part of a whole and to write percents as fractions and decimals. They will find the percent of a quantity and learn to calculate sales tax, discounts, and interest. Mrs. McLoone will reach out with more information.

BIG IDEAS MATH with MRS. CIONI

Unit 9: Statistical Measures

This next unit will focus on the variability of statistical questions and understanding that data used to answer statistical questions has a distribution that can be described by center and spread. Students will learn to use measures of center to summarize the values in a data set with a single number.

SCIENCE

Ecosystems

Our next lessons will explore the importance of all players in an ecosystem– producers, consumers, and decomposers. Hopefully you've heard about our newest classmates...our worms! If not, please ask your child.

UPCOMING DATES

- ✓ April 16 MAP Testing (Reading) 1:15–3:00 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 24 MAP Testing (Math) 1:15–3:00 PM
- ✓ April 26 Tour of Thomas Middle School from 9:15–10:45 AM

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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