

Business with Buehrer

For the week of December 14, 2009

Reading

We will read a story called Brave as a Mountain Lion from our reading book. Visualization and Realism/Fantasy are the skills associated with this story. Your child will bring home his/her reading textbook on Monday. Please have your son/daughter reread Brave as a Mountain Lion on Monday and review the vocabulary words at the beginning of the story.

When the students bring home their reading books, it is very important that they do not read ahead, as we use the stories to test various reading skills. However, feel free to have your child read and reread previous stories at any time.

Spelling

We will have a review spelling list this week with 30 words. Please see the review list on the reverse side of this newsletter. Please study these words in preparation for the spelling test on Thursday, December 17. We will work on various spelling skills, including ABC order. The students are responsible for alphabetizing their spelling words each week in their assignment notebook on Monday for homework.

Writing/Language

We will review various language skills this week, which include: capitalization, punctuation, subjects, predicates, synonyms, antonyms, and context clues. We will also continue to work with proper nouns.

Cursive Writing

We have finished learning the letters of the cursive alphabet. This week, we will continue to practice cursive writing skills by writing words and sentences in cursive. Please remind your child to take his/her time when we are learning the letters of the cursive alphabet, as neatness and accuracy are much more important than speed.

Math

We began the year by reviewing facts. Many of the students need to brush up on their basic math facts and will benefit significantly from a little extra practice of addition and subtraction.

We will review addition and subtraction with money this week. Also, we will continue to learn about multiplication by working with arrays and beginning to learn multiplication facts.

Science

We will learn about various insects this week and write insect summaries. Also, we will begin to learn about fossils.

Other Business

Reminder: Remember to check your child's Assignment Notebook on a daily basis

The AR book list can be found at www.arbookfind.com. Please refer to the AR letter that came home during conference week to verify your child's conference day. Your child needs to bring his/her AR book to school each day, especially on his/her designated day. Please refer to the AR letter that came home last week, as it contains important information about how you can sign up to receive the results of your child's AR quizzes on a regular basis.

December 17 @ 2:45 is our holiday party. Students may start bringing in their gifts for the classroom gift exchange beginning Monday, December 14. Please label the tag of your child's gift. (Example – To: A boy From: Brandon). Please let me know if your child will not be participating in the classroom gift exchange.

December 17 is also “Polar Express Day” at Monclova. We will watch the video Thursday morning. Students may wear pajamas if they desire; however, they must be school appropriate.