

Business with Buehrer

For the week of May 10, 2010

Reading

We will read a story called Mailing May from our reading book. Setting, characterization, and making judgements are the skills associated with this story. We will also work on predictions. Your child will bring home his/her reading textbook on Monday. Please have your son/daughter reread Mailing May on Monday and review the vocabulary words at the beginning of the story.

Spelling

A new three-week list of spelling words was included on the reverse side of the newsletter two weeks ago. Please study these words in preparation for the spelling test on Friday, May 14. The students are responsible for alphabetizing their spelling words each week in their assignment notebook by Thursday for homework.

Writing/Language

We will continue to review verbs. We will also learn about suffixes and adjectives. Adjectives are used to describe nouns when we write, and we can use them to make our writing more interesting and descriptive. We have completed research for our state reports. Please remember that oral reports and posters for the state report are due on Monday, May 17. Students can use notecards.

Cursive Writing

This week, we will continue to practice cursive writing skills. We will begin to use cursive writing more and more in our daily assignments and tests. Please remind your child to be neat.

Math

Please practice multiplication and division facts (0-5) at home with your child on a daily basis to help your son/daughter show mastery.

Please practice multiplication and division facts (6-9) at home with your child on a daily basis to help your son/daughter gain confidence and proficiency with these facts.

We will review various math skills. This week, we will work with ordered pairs, read charts and graphs, and continue to practice multiplication and division facts. We will also continue to work on telling time to the minute and elapsed time using clocks and calendars.

Science

We will continue our unit entitled "Force and Motion." This week, we will learn about magnets.

Social Studies

We will continue to learn about culture and begin a new chapter entitled "Cultures Around the World." This week, we will learn about expressions of culture, holidays and traditions, and the various cultures of the world.

Other Business

The AR book list can be found at www.arbookfind.com. Your child needs to bring his/her AR book to school each day, especially on his/her designated day. Please remember that all students are required to individually complete at least two AR tests each month, in addition to the tests that we take for reading textbook selection stories.

Spring fever has arrived at Monclova, and many of the students have decided to go on summer break a little early. It is important to remember that we still have a month left of school. I am continuing to teach new standards and give daily assessments. If your child only puts forth marginal effort, you will see a significant drop in his or her grades for the remainder of the year. We have discussed this situation at great length in the classroom. Please reinforce this idea at home to help your child understand the importance of finishing the school-year on a strong note! This will help to best prepare your child for next year and smooth the transition to 4th grade. Please remind your child to use appropriate behavior.