

Business with Buehrer

For the week of January 25, 2010

Reading

We will read a story called Sam and the Lucky Money from our reading book. Setting, plot, and characters are the skills associated with this story. Your child will bring home his/her reading textbook on Monday. Please have your son/daughter reread Sam and the Lucky Money 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 review previous spelling words this week. A list of the review words is included on the reverse side of this newsletter. Please study these words in preparation for the spelling test on Friday, January 29. We will work on various spelling skills, including editing. Students do not need to put words in ABC order this week.

Writing/Language

We will continue to work on our biography report this week. It is very important that your child bring his/her biography (wax museum book) to school each day. We will continue to review previous language skills this week.

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. We will begin to use cursive writing more and more in our daily assignments.

Math

We will continue to learn about multiplication. This week, we will review facts (0-5). In order to show mastery, we will continue to take multiplication time-tests. Students will have multiple attempts to pass these tests, if needed. We will be charting our progress at school. Please practice multiplication facts (0-5) at home with your child on a daily basis to help your son/daughter show mastery of multiplication facts. We will also continue our geometry unit. This week, we will learn about symmetry and perimeter.

Science

We will continue our unit entitled "Rocks and Minerals." This week, we will continue to learn about various earth materials and observe rocks.

Social Studies

We will continue our chapter entitled "Our History Through Time and Place." This week, we will learn about communities long ago and review concepts.

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. Your child needs to bring his/her AR book to school each day, especially on his/her designated day. Remember that you can sign up to receive the results of your child's AR quizzes by following the instructions that were previously sent home. Please review the "Diagnostic Report" that was included with your child's grade card, as it contains valuable information regarding your child's strengths/weaknesses and how you can help your child mature as a reader.

We will start a weekly unit about teamwork and self-esteem. This is focused on the book Have You Filled a Bucket Today? by Carol McCloud.