

Business with Buehrer

For the week of October 5, 2009

Reading

We will read a story called Fly Traps! Plants That Bite Back from our reading book. Graphic sources and Main Idea/Details are the skills associated with this story. Your child will bring home his/her reading textbook on Wednesday. Please have your son/daughter reread Fly Trap! Plants That Bite Back on Wednesday 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

A four-week spelling list came home with the newsletter last week. Please study these words in preparation for the spelling test on Friday, October 9. We will work on various spelling skills, including ABC order. The students are now responsible for alphabetizing their spelling words each week in their assignment notebook on Monday for homework. I will explain this assignment to the students.

Writing/Language

We will conclude Unit 1 this week with a test on Thursday. The test will include the following skills: complete/incomplete sentences, types of sentences, subjects, predicates, using a thesaurus, characters, setting, and plot. We will review for the test at the beginning of the week. Also, we will write about Fly Traps this week.

Cursive Writing

We will continue to learn the letters of the cursive alphabet. This week, we will continue to learn upper-case cursive letters and practice cursive writing skills. Please remind your child to take his/her time when we are learning the letters of the cursive alphabet.

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.

This week, we will conclude Chapter 1. We will continue to practice counting money and review double digit addition and subtraction. Please review these skills at home with your child. Finally, we will review previous concepts, in preparation for our Chapter 1 test. The concepts included on the test will be: expanded, written, and standard forms of numbers, odd and even numbers, ordinal numbers, sum and difference, rounding to the nearest 10 and 100, double digit addition and subtraction. Please see the "Test Notice" on the back side of this newsletter.

Science

We will continue to learn about life cycles. This week, we will learn about the life cycles of insects.

Social Studies

We will continue our chapter entitled "Learning About Communities." This week, we will continue to learn about various community settings, how different communities are connected to each other, and how to learn about our community. We will also work with local community maps.

Other Business

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

Tuesday, October 6 is the reading portion of the Ohio Achievement Assessment for 3rd grade. Testing will begin promptly at the beginning of the school-day. Please make every effort to have your child to school on time. Also, a restful night of sleep and a good breakfast will help your child do his or her best on the test!!