

Business with Buehrer

For the week of January 11, 2010

Reading

We have reached the conclusion of Unit 3 in our reading textbook. Therefore, we will not start a new story this week. Instead, we will complete the Unit 3 Assessment that tests various reading skills that we have been working on in the classroom. This assessment will be taken over the course of three days. Please review this test with your child when it comes home, as it will help your child become more familiar and comfortable with the testing process. This test is also good practice for the Ohio Achievement Assessment (OAA), which we will take again later in the spring. We will also work with Weekly Readers and review various reading skills.

Spelling

A new three-week list of spelling words was included with the last newsletter. Please study these words in preparation for the spelling test on Thursday, January 14. This week, our spelling words are words with suffixes. 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 continue to work with proper nouns and context clues. We will also work on our biography folders for the upcoming 3rd Grade Wax Museum.

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 by working with arrays and learning facts. This week, we will learn multiplication fact strategies and review previous facts. In order to show mastery, we will begin to take multiplication time-tests (one set of facts at a time – ex. 2s, 5s, etc.). Students will have multiple attempts to pass these tests, if needed. We will be charting our progress at school. We are reviewing the following facts: 0s, 1s, 2s, 5s, and we are currently working on the 3s and 4s. Please practice multiplication facts at home with your child on a daily basis to help your son/daughter show mastery of multiplication facts. We will also explore geometry, learning about the different types of angles and plane figures.

Science

We will continue our unit entitled “Rocks and Minerals.” This week, we will learn about various earth materials.

Social Studies

We will continue our chapter entitled “Our History Through Time and Place.” This week, we will learn about inventions and communities long ago. We will also learn about timelines and flowcharts.

Other Business

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. 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.

January 14 – End of 2nd Quarter

January 15 – No School – Teacher-work Day

January 18 – No School – Martin Luther King Day

January 22 – Grade Cards Go Home