



November 16, 2009

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a nice weekend! We went took my two boys to a Bulls game Saturday night - which is always a good time!

This week is American Education Week and we are celebrating by having fun dressing up each day. Today was college day and the rest of the week is as follows:

Tuesday: Wear your teachers' favorite color - (I love rainbows - so wear all different colors!)

Wednesday: Career Day!

Thursday - Pajama Day!!!

Friday - Spirit Day (Bobcat Blue and Gold!!)



Weekly Targets

Math - (PS 31 - 35) This week in math we will focus on story problems with comparisons, multiplication with 9's, learning numbers up to 100 millions, and identifying mixed numbers. Most of the math we have done up until a few weeks ago was review from 2nd and 3rd grade. Now we have started to introduce more difficult concepts - with some review (multiplication facts) so be sure to check and see how your son or daughter is doing on their homework. Please keep working on both their subtraction facts and their multiplication facts. They should be close to mastering their multiplication facts of 0's, 1's, 2's (double addition facts), 5's, and this week 9's. Please practice with them using flashcards or let them go to <http://www.funbrain.com> to find fun math games.

Spelling - Our pattern for spelling this week is VCCCV (vowel-consonant-consonant-consonant-vowel). We will be working on identifying how to break these apart for decoding (between which consonants). Using these word attack skills help the students decode longer words and improve their fluency.

Reading - Or story this week is called, "Weaving a California Tradition". We will continue with our focus skill from last week (author's purpose and perspective) as well as our comprehension strategy which was summarizing. We utilize these skills for increased comprehension to literature..





Grammar - We are going to continue with identifying prepositions and prepositional phrases as this is still quite difficult for many. Throughout the week we will also revisit the other grammar areas from this year (complete and simple subject & complete and simple predicate).

Science - Most of the students did a really good job on our science test last week. We are stepping away from science for the next week and a $\frac{1}{2}$ and will resume with it after Thanksgiving break.

Social Studies - We have started our new unit on the Underground Railroad. This will be a very interesting unit and it was quite interesting to see the number of students who thought this really was really a railroad!! They have since learned when we speak about slavery and how they would have freed everyone. They are genuine caring souls and completely understand right and wrong! I love these kids!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Please sign and return your students report cards and return them if you haven't done so already! Please return the binders also!
- Tuesday afternoon is our first trip to the Sandwich Opera House. We leave right after lunch and will return around 2:15 - 2:30!
- Please complete and return the permission slip for roller skating as soon as possible.
- Remember to dress up according to our schedule this week - in celebration of American Education Week!

Hope everyone has a wonderful week!

Mrs. Kenyon

Lesson 9 – Spelling Words

1. monster
2. complete
3. hundred
4. kitchen
5. sandwich
6. surprise
7. applause
8. although
9. conflict
10. mattress
11. purchase
12. merchant
13. pumpkin
14. angry
15. Thursday
16. ostrich
17. punctual
18. address
19. chestnut
20. luncheon

Challenge List

1. unique
2. infest
3. intervals
4. delicate
5. flexible
6. reluctant
7. inspires
8. preserve
9. implication
10. enterprise
11. comprehend
12. bolster
13. mongrel
14. underground
15. slavery
16. plantation
17. perimeter
18. sequence
19. perspective
20. vocabulary