

What's Happening in Our Classroom

Reading: The students have been busy learning the Reading Workshop routines in our classroom. We have talked about picking just right books, being respectful readers and we learned about the different reading genres! Next week students will start to meet in small, guided reading groups!

WRITING: Just like Reading, the students have been learning about the different Writing Workshop routines in our classroom. We also completed a beginning of the year writing prompt, learned about graphic organizers and started working on a class story. Today the students focused on letter writing and wrote in their Third Grade Journal. Please look for that to come home and respond to your child.

WORD WORK: In spelling, the students completed a beginning of the year assessment and a Word Preview activity. Today the students completed a Stretch-It activity where they worked to expand a simple sentence into a more detailed one. The students have also started reviewing their cursive handwriting.

MATH: We have been working hard in Unit 1 of Math. Unit 1 and Unit 2 will be a lot of review from first and second grade. Thank you for taking the time to initial and check over your child's Home Link each night. Next week we will be finishing up Unit 1 in math and preparing for a test the following week.

SOCIAL STUDIES/Science: The students enjoyed **BLASTING OFF** in Social Studies! They have been busy learning about hemispheres, continents, oceans, counties, states and communities. We have finished up Unit 1 in Social Studies and will be taking our Unit 1 test next Tuesday. Today we reviewed what we have learned so far!

Mark Your Calendars

- **9/14:** Social Studies Alive Unit 1 Test
- **9/17:** Fundraiser Order Forms are due!
- **10/6:** Mid-Terms go home
- **10/8, 10/9:** No School for Students
- **10/11:** No School- Columbus Day Observed

Teacher Recommended Websites

I recommend that the students check out www.raz-kids.com at home! This is a great way to read or listen to books and help build reading comprehension with quizzes.

Teacher Username: IPSchool
Student Password: Your Child's 5 digit library number

FROM THE TEACHER...

- A big thank you to all of the parents that were able to make it to Parents' Night on Tuesday, September 7th. I enjoyed meeting each of you and telling you about our wonderful school year. If you were unable to make it, information from that evening was sent home from school with your child.
- At Parents' Night, there was a Parent-Teacher Conference Time Preference sign-up sheet available. If you were unable to attend and sign up for a time preference, please feel free to send a note or an e-mail to me at jmpearce@d47.org to let me know if you prefer Monday or Tuesday, November 22nd or 23rd and either a morning, afternoon or evening time. We will do our best to meet your requests, but there are limited time slots, especially in the evening, so if you are able to meet in the morning or afternoon, please let me know!
- The students have had a great start to their school year. Thank you for taking the time to initial their Assignment Notebooks when you can. If your child needs to flip their card to a color due to a poor behavior choice, it will be noted in the message section of their Assignment Notebook.
- Today your child is bringing home their first WEB Log. There is an information sheet that goes with it to help you better understand what WEB Reading is. Until our volunteers are set up for the school year, your child should return his/her completed log to school on Fridays.