



March 15, 2015

Ms. Hahn's Classroom Newsletter

Math

This past week we worked on multi-step problems and breaking apart multiplication problems. The students learned the distributive property of multiplication using array cards. They made equations such as $12 \times 7 = (6 \times 7) + (6 \times 7)$. This is common core standard CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.3.OA.B.5, Apply properties of operations as strategies to multiply and divide. Next week we will continue learning more about multiplication and division.

Writing

Most students have finished the mineral research paper. Students really enjoyed learning about the minerals and making a Wanted Mineral poster. Next week we will spend time doing short writing assignments that review introductions, conclusions, linking words, and adding details.

Reading

This week the students began reading Little House on the Prairie. The students will be learning vocabulary words, answering questions, learning different literary elements, and writing about the book. Your child will be required to finish a reading assignment before coming to reading group. There will be time given in class to complete the assignment. However, some students may need to complete the assignment for homework. Please check the website starting Monday for the current assignments.

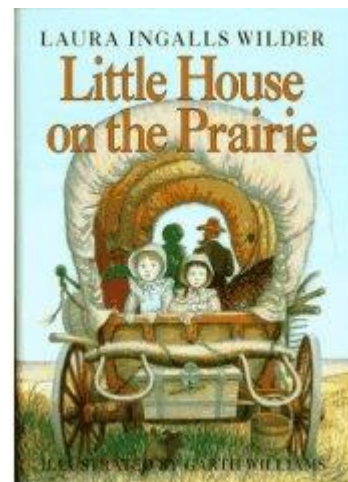
Social Studies and Science

Due to the early release days and getting ready for conferences, our time for social studies and science was very limited. We will continue learning about pioneers next week.

This past week Naomi taught the class about fossils. She brought a large selection of minerals for the students to examine. The fossil from scat and the petrified wood were the favorites. Next week we will learn more about igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary rocks.

High Frequency Words

Most students have words written in their assignment notebooks. These words are the high frequency words your child missed on a pre-assessment. The students will be quizzed on these words on Monday. Then they will get new words to study in their assignment notebooks.



5Essentials- Note from the office

We ask that parents, teachers, and 6th-8th grade students again participate in the 5Essentials survey. As a parent of a child at PCCS, you have a unique opportunity to take part in this survey, which will allow you to share your opinions and perspective about PCCS. We guarantee that survey responses will NEVER be connected to you or your child. School reports will only present summary information of how parents responded as a whole. Your participation in the Illinois 5Essentials Survey will help to understand your child's school and guide improvement. Click [HERE](#) to begin the survey.

BUTTER BRAIDS ARE BACK!

Because of the popularity of the Butter Braids sale the 8th graders held a few months ago, PCCS is holding a second sale. The process is easy: Click [HERE](#) and download a form. Don't know what Butter Braids are? Butter Braids are a large pastry that are filled with fruit, chocolate, cinnamon or cream cheese. They come frozen and require minimal prep to bake and eat! There are many flavors to choose from and they make a wonderful addition to a weekend breakfast or brunch. Butter Braids are not found in stores, so this is your chance to stock up! Completed orders include your form with your name and order clearly marked, along with your check, made out to PCCS. Orders are due by Thursday, March 19. The Butter Braids will be delivered on Monday, March 30th in the afternoon. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward the 8th Grade Virginia Trip; the more you buy, the more we will be able to help offset some of the costs for the students. Please email Mr. Habel with any questions. Thanks for supporting our students!

Upcoming Events

March 13- No School Teacher In-service

March 18- Farm to Table

March 23 to 27 – Spring Break

March 30 – School resumes

April 1- Early Release

A Kid in Every Park

Please check out this website

<http://www.nationalparks.org/ook/every-kid-in-a-park> . Students in fourth grade next year can get a pass to get into parks free. Check out the great outdoors with your child.

PARCC Update

The students finished a reading and a math PARCC test. We have two tests next week. If your child missed a test, there will be make up times after Spring Break.

Parent volunteers are not allowed in the room during the test. I believe students will do better on the test if they had enough sleep and ate a good breakfast.

Testing Dates and Times

March 16- 8:15 AM

March 17- 8:15 AM

Classroom Wish List

1. Boxes of Tissues
2. 24 Folders with prongs (any color)

Mud, Mud, Mud

Recess will be wet and muddy. Please have your child bring snow pants or rain pants for recess. Students will need to continue to wear boots (rain boots or snow boots) during recess. Also, please make sure your child has an extra set of clothes at school.