



April 10, 2015

Ms. Hahn's Classroom Newsletter

Math

This week the students will learn about reading a graph. Most of the graphs the students read this past week were line graphs. Students had to find the change in temperature between negative temperatures and positive temperatures. On Friday, I introduced pictographs. Students used a symbol to represent more than one.

There will be no math packet this coming week. However, there will be other math homework this week. The homework will be related to the in class work about graphs.

Writing

Students have written a first draft of their tall tale. Next week they will revise, edit, and publish the tall tale. The students are learning how to add quotes to their stories. The tall tales must be organized in a logical order with beginning, middle, and end.

Letters to the 1st graders in Waukegan were written. They edited the letters to include more information.

Green Challenge- Endangered Animals

This month the Green Challenge was created by Ms. DePaz's class. Tuesday the students gave us information about endangered animals.

Social Studies

This past week the students learned about the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and how Illinois became a state. The students learned that the Illinois territory covered the area that was many other states. On Friday, they learned the reason for Illinois northern border. Next week we will continue to learn more about Illinois history.

Gardening

On Wednesday the students worked in the raised garden beds. All students worked up the soil. Some students planted lettuce seeds. We now have a cold frame covering the garden beds.

Reading

The students are reading Little House on the Prairie. The students are 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 for the current assignments.

Earth Week, Field Trip

During the week of April 20, the whole school will be celebrating Earth Week. The students will not have the typical schedule. We will be spending a lot of time outside. Please make sure your child is prepared for the weather.

I need two parent volunteers for the Botanical Gardens Field Trip. Please contact me by email if you can come. If I have more than two parents volunteer, I will randomly choose two parents. You will be contacted by Tuesday, April 14th about volunteering.

Upcoming Events

April 15- Early Release

April 20-24- Earth Week

April 21- Field Trip Botanical Gardens

April 27- Field Trip to Waukegan Library

Other School News

- **Electronic Recycling:** Do you have old electronics cluttering your home? Bring them to PCCS during Earth Week (Apr.20-24). The green team will be hosting an electronics recycling event. This includes all electronic devices and batteries. Drop-off will be at carpool in the morning on M,W,F and in the afternoon on Tues and Thurs.
- **Spring Cleanup Campus Day:** April 18th from 9:00-11:30, the Green Team is going to host a Volunteer Spring Cleaning event. Come out, help clean up the winter leftovers at PCCS, and work with a great group of students! RSVP to Mr. Hershiser (chershiser@pccharterschool.org) by April 15th.
- On April 25th at 10:00am, come to PCCS to learn how to build your own rain barrel. Each participant will leave this event with their very own rain barrel. The fee will be \$25. We ask all participants to preregister by April 22 to Mr. Hershiser chershiser@pccharterschool.org

Waukegan Public Library Field Trip, April 27

We will be going to the Waukegan Public Library on April 27 to be book buddies with 1st graders from Waukegan. You can find the goals of the program below. There is no cost for this field trip.

1. To allow an exchange of ideas between students 3rd graders at Prairie Crossing and 1st graders within the Waukegan Public School District specifically Oakdale Elementary School
2. To facilitate a "Book Buddy" concept between the 3rd graders to help the 1st graders to develop an interest in reading and build reading comprehension skills.
3. To bring the buddies together at the Waukegan Library to engage in literacy based activities and to build a relationship between the children and the two schools.

Classroom Wish List

1. Extra snacks for the classroom (applesauce, small containers of fruit, nut free crackers, etc.)
2. 24 Folders with prongs (any color)
3. Boxes of tissues