



April 26, 2015

Ms. Hahn's Classroom Newsletter

Math

Next week the students will be learning about liters and milliliters. There will be homework with the lessons. Please remind your child to bring back finished math pages.

Writing

This past week the students started an endangered animal research project. They students are very excited to find out more about the animal they choose. The information they find will be used to create a poster. We have been using the following website for the project:

http://www.konicaminolta.com/kids/endangered_animals/.

Word Work

The students received their new words on Friday. The spelling sentences will need to be written in cursive this week.

Earth Week

We had a cold, but enjoyable earth week this year. Please check out the classroom webpage for a lot of pictures. I would like to thank Mrs. Steinbeck for taking such great pictures.

Some highlighted activities

- Hiking in the cold looking for signs of animals
- Botanical Gardens with 4 different lessons
- Bird beak lesson, trying 4 kinds of "beaks" to get food
- Looking for birds with binoculars
- Researching endangered animals
- Listening to a variety of Native American legends
- Reading the Lorax
- Quiet Spots
- Reptile presentation
- Author visit
- Celebrate Life Hike
- Great Amazing Race
- Closing ceremony

Native American Week **The week of May 4th**

We will be doing a lot of different activities the week of May 4th to learn about Native Americans. We have a member of the Potawatomi tribe who lives in Wisconsin come every day to teach the students. Friday ends in a powwow. I could use parent volunteers from about 9:30 to 2:30 every day except Wednesday. We need help with a variety of tasks throughout the week. Right now I need help cleaning and cutting porcupine quills for a craft. Please contact me by email if you can help. Look for another email about the specifics very soon.

Field Trip Old World Wisconsin May 13

We will be going to Old World Wisconsin on May 13th. Please see the field trip permission slip for more information

Upcoming Events

April 27- Field Trip to Waukegan Library

April 29- Farm to Table

May 4, 5, 7, 8- Native American Week

May 5- Green Challenge Assembly

May 11, 12, 14- End of the Year PARCC tests

May 13- Old World Wisconsin Field Trip

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. Boxes of tissues
2. Reusable spoons