



December 5, 2014

# Ms. Hahn's Classroom Newsletter

## Math

Multiplication was the focus of math this past week. Students have learned that multiplication can be solved with addition and skip counting. They are completing a skip counting book that helps them see the patterns in multiplication. You can help your child with multiplication by practicing skip counting by numbers 2 -12.

Don't forget to study math facts often! Any completed rocket math papers that we sent home, can be kept at home.

## Outreach Events

As part of our continued outreach efforts, we are planning an outreach event for Saturday, December 20th in the morning at the Warren Township Youth and Family Services Offices. The event is a Holiday Open House, complete with crafts, story times, and other activities-- and a book give away to each child who comes! We need your support! What we need is this: to please consider *donating some new or gently used children's books* (of any reading level--picture book, chapter book, novels, etc.) for us to use at this event. I know this is a busy time of year, but this is a perfect opportunity for us to spread our reach to other areas of our district and help others at the same time. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks for your help.

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## Reading

New reading groups began this past week. Students all read an informational article and answered questions about the article. Next week they will read a fiction story related to the informational article.

During independent reading time students read a fiction book and recorded their thoughts on post-its. They will use the post-its next week to complete a reading response.

## Social Studies

During social studies this week we focused on woodland Indians. They learned how Indians used deer for their "grocery store". Ask your child to tell you some of the uses of the deer. I also read a few Native American Legends including The Legend of Scarface. The lesson from this story was that what is inside is more important than what is on the outside. Next week we will learn about the Plains Indians.

## Earthkeepers

Please have your child bring Earthkeepers on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> for a check in. The final project is due December 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Art

3rd and 4th grade students have been very busy the past couple of weeks learning about different techniques for illustrating 3 dimensional space. Students have been focusing on 1 and 2 point perspective as well as shading techniques in preparation for a new project that will focus on drawing a landscape and cityscape.

## Spanish

Hope everyone had a great holiday break!

The third graders have been learning about pronouns. We will be having a quiz on them on Monday, December 8th along with the words "tú" versus "usted." We are also working on our new vocabulary list featuring the parts of the body.

Here is a link to some of the vocabulary words we will be working on:

<http://www.quia.com/jg/138590olist.html>

## IPAD App for reading

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/reading-comprehension-prep/id739985631?mt=8>

## Short Volunteer Survey

Please fill out this short volunteer survey.  
[https://docs.google.com/a/pcharterschool.org/forms/d/1jZ6llSPWT4yDiJOlWldCXMoK1A9H4YRBo2jWkjJ79Ok/viewform?usp=send\\_form](https://docs.google.com/a/pcharterschool.org/forms/d/1jZ6llSPWT4yDiJOlWldCXMoK1A9H4YRBo2jWkjJ79Ok/viewform?usp=send_form)

## Thank You

A special thank you goes to the following students:

**Hailey**- for helping her classmates with their assignments and volunteering

**Sebastian** – Working hard to complete all his assignments

**Maanasa**- Being a good partner and doing her best on her assignments

**Anastasia**- helping pass out assignments and papers

Thank you for the numerous donations of books from the Scholastic Book Fair.

## Music

These past few weeks, students have been learning and experiencing the musical idea of Call and Response. This musical idea involves an instrumental or vocal caller, and a responder. Students were able to watch and listen to a instrumental jazz example of Call and Response. To put all this learning into action, students then created their own vocal call and response pieces. In a group, students were able to perform their compositions for the class using their voices and classroom instruments. It was so great to see how creative the students can be while working as a team! We are now working on some fun holiday music and movement pieces to celebrate this festive time of year!

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December 17- Early Release

Thursday, December 18- Holiday Sing 10 am

Friday, December 19- Social Studies Immersion Day, Holiday party

## School Website

Please check out the new school website. You will find the newsletters and classroom calendars. I have also put a link for reading comprehension questions based on reading levels.

## Social Studies Immersion Day

Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, the third and fourth grade teachers are planning different social studies activities for the students. The classes will be rotating to different activities in the different classrooms. We can use parent volunteers to help with the activities and crafts though out the day. Please email me or my assistant, Mrs. Steinbeck at [steinbeck@pcharterschool.org](mailto:steinbeck@pcharterschool.org), if you can help.