



April 18, 2015

Ms. Hahn's Classroom Newsletter

Math

The students learned more about bar graphs this past week. They created bar graphs from data. Students answered multi-step problems related to the bar graphs. Students would need to add and subtract to get the final answer. You will see the pages coming home in the next week. Our next math topic will be metric liquid volume.

There will not be a math packet for next week due to Earth Week activities.

Writing

The students edited and revised their tall tale this past week. The students created a picture book with the tall tale they created. Students worked on having a story that had a good beginning, middle, and end. They also worked on adding enough interesting details to keep the reader engaged. Most students added a few quotes in their stories.

Next week our writing will be focused on writing descriptions about the environment.

Word Work

This past week different groups learned about prefixes, long vowels, and suffixes. When there are words to study, remind your child to sort and study the words daily.

The students did not get new words this week. There will be no word work during Earth Week. We will resume our word study the week of April 27th.

Social Studies

This past week the students learned a little more about Illinois history. They learned why the settlers wanted Illinois to be a state not a territory. We did a graphing activity that showed after Illinois became a state the population of settlers dramatically rose. The students learned that the capital of Illinois has been in three locations, Kaskaskia, Vandalia, and Springfield.

Prairie Burn

A highlight for some students this week was seeing the prairie burn. They got to see how the fire was started, how it spread, and how it looked after the fire. Look on the Prairie Crossing Facebook site for pictures.

Reading

We have finished Little House on the Prairie. The students have answered questions, learned vocabulary words, and learned literary devices such as similes, metaphors, and personification. Next week we will take a break from reading groups due to Earth Week.

Earth Week

Next week the students will be outside every day. Please help your child be prepared to go outside in all types of weather. All students should bring a hat to wear outside to protect from ticks and sun.

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 20-24- Earth Week

April 21- Field Trip Botanical Gardens

April 27- Field Trip to Waukegan Library

April 29- Farm to Table

May 13- Old World Wisconsin Field Trip

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.
- 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 by 22 to Mr. Hershiser
chershiser@pccschool.org

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. If you have not turned in the money please send it on Monday.

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