



April 5, 2015

Ms. Hahn's Classroom Newsletter

Math

This past week the students learned about grams and kilograms. The students were given a 1 kilogram of pinto beans and told to figure out how many grams are in a kilogram. The students came close to 1000 grams. They also solve story problems about grams and kilograms. Next week the students will learn about reading a graph. They with reading line graphs and weather. You could help your child by looking up different weather graphs and taking about how to read them.

Writing

This past week the students listened to a variety of tall tales including Paul Bunyan and Mike Fink. The students then started to plan their own tall tale. Next week the students will work on writing the tall tale.

Reading

The students are still 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.

Social Studies

Next week the students will continue to learn more about how Illinois became a state. We will learn a little about the Revolutionary War. Next year we will learn even more about the 13 colonies and the Revolutionary War.

The students also spent time finishing labeling the map of the USA with states, capitals, and a few other features.

Word Work

The students got new words are Friday. Sometimes students will repeat a list for more practice. This is very common in 3rd and 4th grade. Please remind your child to study and sort the words every night.

Gardening

The students have cleared out the old prairie grass from our classroom garden. Next week the students will be working on the raised beds. The students will be tilling up the soil with trowels. I do have some gardening gloves for the students, but they can bring their own from home also.

Ms. Hahn's Planned Absences

I have Jury duty the week of April 6th. I may be absent during this week. Mrs. Steinbeck will be the substitute.

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Upcoming Events

April 6-10- Possible Ms. Hahn absent due to Jury Duty

April 7- Green Challenge Assembly

April 15- Early Release

April 20-24- Earth Week

April 21- Field Trip Botanical Gardens

April 27- Field Trip to Waukegan Library

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)

Snack and Lunch

Mrs. Steinbeck and I have had many students telling us they are still hungry after lunch. These students have eaten everything in their lunches. Some students have eaten everything in their lunches during snack and have nothing left at lunch time. Please consider discussing with your child what is a snack and what is for lunch in their containers.

Earth Week T-Shirts

Below is the design for the 2015 Earth Week t-shirt. Earth week t-shirts are due on April 6th. You can find the order form [HERE](#).



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.