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Ms. Hahn's Classroom Newsletter

Math

This past week the students worked on solving two step story problems using the four operations. Many students worked with a classmate to complete these problems. We also spent class time working on graphing weather. (see science) Next week we will continue to review 3rd grade math concepts.

Word Work

The students got their last set of words on Friday. Some students got a list of words that needs to be reviewed.

Most students have high frequency words to study in their assignment notebooks.

Earthkeepers

Please remember to work on Earthkeepers at home. This coming week the students will work on the in class portion to bring home. Please check the class page on the school website for more information. It is due May 29th.

I asked students to bring their Earthkeepers to school to show me their progress. However, very few students could show me their work. If the work is not done the students will NOT earn the S key.

Science

The students began researching the weather and climate in different parts of the world. They are working on creating a graph of historical weather data. With help, the groups have identified a weather related hazard. They are now looking up how to keep people, animals, and building safe in this weather hazard. They will be presenting the project next week. This assignment is done all in class.

Reading

I have finished assessing almost all students reading level. I will be sending home a letter soon with your child's reading level. The letter contains links, so I will also post the links on the class webpage.

The students are now all reading a book about Native Americans. They have been identifying character traits, character point of view, and the setting. We will continue to read these books next week.

NWEA

This past week the students took a reading and math NWEA test. This is a computer based test given in the fall and spring. I was proud of the students for taking their time and trying to figure out the answers. You will get results of these tests in the report cards.

Illinois Beach State Park Field Trip

I am looking forward to the trip to the beach. Students can bring a towel to sit on while at the beach. We will not have students getting wet. They will be allowed to explore the beach, look for rocks, and play in the sand.

On this trip we will be hiking, journaling, visiting the nature center, exploring the beach, and awarding the S key.

To bring: water bottle, snack, lunch that does not need to be microwaved, towel, backpack

To wear: comfortable shoes, sunscreen, hat, weather appropriate clothes

Summer Brain Games – Free ticket to Museum of Science and Industry

<http://www.msichicago.org/programs/summer-brain-games>

From the website

Summer Brain Games provides eight weeks of free and fun at-home science experiments designed to combat the "summer brain drain," when kids lose months of critical learning. The free online activity guide features weekly experiments with step-by-step instructions. This year, we'll blast off and explore space with activities that are easily done at home with kids of all ages (and a little adult supervision).

Upcoming Events

May 29- Earthkeepers Due

June 1- Field Day

June 2- Field Trip Illinois Beach

June 3- Farm To Table, lunch/recess 11:40-12:40

June 5- Last Day of School, Early Release, PBIS celebration

Summer Enrichment Ideas

In the past parents have asked for ideas of what to do over the summer. Here is a list of some ideas.

- <http://www.grps.org/grasp> This is an at home summer school program. You send in a weekly assignment to be graded.
- Check your local library for summer reading programs.
- Workbook, Summer Bridge Activities 3rd to 4th grade
- Visit a National Park, <http://www.nationalparks.gov/look/every-kid-in-a-park>
- Practice flash cards to memorize math facts.
- Check out these websites

<http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/>

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

<http://www.funbrain.com/>

<https://jr.brainpop.com/>

<http://www.sowashco.k12.mn.us/ro/pages/studentlinks/map/>

<http://www.typing.com/>

<http://www.mathplayground.com/>

<http://www.sowashco.k12.mn.us/ro/pages/studentlinks/map/reading.htm>