



A PEEK AT OUR WEEK!

Week of November 18, 2019

Important Reminders/Information: * Brrrrr! It's getting chilly out there. With the cold weather upon us, it is important that your child comes to school every day prepared to go outside for recess. Hats, gloves, heavy coats, etc. are a good idea. Also, Mr. Maloney was not happy with the number of students wearing hoodies at our 5th grade portrait last week. He reminded the students, again, that it is important to be in uniform every day (unless it's a Spirit Wear Day or other special occasion). Hoodies are not permitted on a typical day. ☹️ * The first marking period ends this Friday. My gradebook will close and all graded papers after the 22nd will go toward your child's 2nd trimester report card grades. * This Thursday you are invited to come in and visit our room. You can see what a day in the life of a 5th grader in Room 122 is like. You are not permitted to attend lunch (12:00-12:30) or recess (2:15-2:30) with the students. Please plan your visit around those times.

Reading Workshop: We kicked off our nonfiction unit last week. The students came to fifth grade with a great deal of background knowledge on ways they orient themselves with nonfiction books (compared to fiction). This week we will continue to study the ways nonfiction gets more complex as we get older. I will be using the very interested (and yucky) book, When Lunch Fights Back: Wickedly Clever Animal Defenses by Rebecca L. Johnson, to show them how main idea is implicit in these more complex books. The students will also use and build upon strategies they know for tackling challenging vocabulary words. As a reminder, your child should be reading every night at home. It does not have to be nonfiction, it can be any genre they enjoy reading. The Reading Logs should also be completed daily.

Social Studies: This week in Social Studies, we will use what we learned about locating places on a map using latitude and longitude coordinates as we use letter-number grids. We will play a version of Battleship in class that will help with this skill.

Mathematics: This week in math class we will wrap-up our fraction mini-unit. This unit was designed to reintroduce certain fraction terms and skills. The students did a great job with it. I can tell they will be ready to begin Unit 3 next week. Please keep an eye out for the Unit 3 Family Letter coming home this week. This unit is challenging, which is why the fifth grade team decided to ease into it with a review of basic fraction skills. Please continue to reach out with any questions or concerns you have as you work with your child on his/her homework. Some assignments will be more of a challenge than others. I don't want your child to reach their frustration level. Math homework should take 15-20 minutes to complete. As soon as you pass the 20-minute mark, stop the homework and write me a note explaining why it is incomplete.



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The Student of the Week is:
Selah 😊

UPCOMING EVENTS AT RAINBOW

- November 18th: School Store in our POD
 - November 19th: District Orchestra Rehearsal (6-8 PM)
 - November 22nd: Spirit Wear (Crazy Hair/Sock Day)
 - November 22nd: End of 1st Trimester
 - November 26th: Pie Tasting
 - November 27-29th: School Closed (Thanksgiving Break)
- **Girls on the Run is every Monday and Thursday from 3:45-5:15 PM****

This week's special schedule...
Monday (Day 2): Art
Tuesday (Day 3): Library
Wednesday (Day 4): P.E.
Thursday (Day 5): P.E.
Friday (Day 6): Art



Congratulations to our Spelling Bee participants! Ka'Myla, Ava, and La'Shiyah did an outstanding job! Jillian was the alternate, but did not participate. La'Shiyah earned 2nd place and will be moving on to the district Spelling Bee!



Recess Fun!



Congratulations to Room 122's Challenge Coin Recipient and Nominees. Aidan S. was the recipient. The nominees were Wynn, Ava, and Justin. They all demonstrated the 7 core values of the Army. Sergeant Morein recognized them during our Veterans Day Assembly last week.

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