



"If you think education is expensive, try ignorance" - Anonymous

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The Walker Times

We made it through the first week!

What a wonderful week we had last week! I enjoyed getting to know the class and had a great time learning names and faces! Believe it or not, I had everyone's name learned by Tuesday!

This last week we spent some time learning about the procedures and expectations of 4th grade. There was one area that they class really struggled with and that was pushing in their chairs! We will spend as much time as necessary to get into the habit of pushing in our chairs!

I'd like to thank all of you that sent in wish list items!!

I would like to thank everyone that was able to make it to the Parent Information Meeting held on Thursday. I will be at the OG PIN this Thursday, but the time will be limited to 30 minutes each session.



Our classroom has a frog theme this year!

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Homework for the Week

- Monday
- Math "What A Week" (Median, Mode and Range)
- Tuesday
- Math- Monkey Median, Mode and Range
- Wednesday
- Spelling- Take Home Task 2 (Synonyms)

There is no homework on Thursday!

Events this Week

The Oak Grove Parent Information Night will take place this Thursday evening. There are two different sessions (repeating the same information). Please do NOT bring children to this event.

Session One- 6:30-7:00
Session Two- 7:05-7:35

The sessions are held in each teacher's classroom. If you attending my PIN on the 10th you do NOT need to attend either session this Thursday!



Unit Two Spelling Words:

- Grew
- Listen
- Ask
- Single
- Clear

The CLOZE review will be Friday

Language Arts News

Reading

This week we'll continue with objective 2.027 (Explains choice of reading selection). We'll be looking at how to explain why we choose particular books and then we'll move into predicting.

This week we're going to start reading the first story in our Houghton-Mifflin reading books. The story is called Akiak.

Writing

Last week we began adding items to our "Seed Book." This week we'll continue with adding about personal treasure/items and memories attached to each and photograph memories. By the end of this week, we'll have quite a few seeds planted into our books and we'll be ready to pick one to use as our first story.

Working With Words

This week we'll be looking at suffixes (-er and -est), and then the four different kinds of sentences (Declarative- statement, Interrogative- question, Imperative- command, and Exclamatory).

Check Out Spelling City!

The weekly CORE words are on www.spellingcity.com! Once there click on the FIND A LIST tab. My Lists will always have the same format. Walker Unit ____ . It'll say Cathy Walker and you'll know it's the right list! You can play games and quiz yourself! Have fun!

Science

We will not be starting our unit on Rocks and Minerals until after we return from track out in August. I will need a few parents to make "Mock Rocks" for the class during the first week that we return. If you'd be willing to make them for us please let me know!

Social Studies

As you might already know, fourth grade is spent devoted to learning about the state we live in. We will spend the whole year learning about the three regions of North Carolina and specific things about each region.

This week we're going to be working with objective 1.01, 1.02 and 1.03. We'll learn about the three regions, and then the lakes and rivers of NC. We'll also learn about land resources, plants and animals of the state. On Wednesday, we'll learn about the physical regions as well as the cultural regions. On Thursday, we'll learn about location and cities as well as location and industries. Friday will wrap up the week with location and farming and then location and recreation.

In addition to our state studies during Social Studies time, our morning work will teach us about NC. We'll also be learning the 50 US states and their capitals, as well as the location of each state.



We will be studying the great state of North Carolina this year!

Math

We started our first unit in math last week. We spent all week looking at variables and values.

We also spent a great deal of time graphing data that we collected. One of the graphs that we did was to represent the birth months of the students in our class. At the end of the week we had our first assessment on graphing. Students had to graph the favorite subjects of the students in our class. The graphs will be coming home today! We also looked at median last week and did various activities with finding the median, mode and range of a set of numbers.

This week we'll continue to learn about median, mode and range and spend a great deal of time practicing how to find each from a given data set.



Ending Words...

- Make sure you check my blackboard page for important announcements and information!
- If you haven't returned all the forms sent home last week PLEASE SEND THEM ASAP!!!
- Make sure to check out our classroom website
- There's a ton of games and parent links that I'm sure would benefit everyone!
- Don't forget to come to the Parent Information

Night (this Thursday) if you weren't able to make it this past Thursday!

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Have a frog-tastic week!!