



The Walker Times

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What's Happening in Our Pond?

Welcome to the first (of many) edition of The Walker Times! Please read the issue and let me know if you have any questions about anything happening in our room!

I was excited to see so many faces at the Open House on Thursday! Hopefully you walked away with a strong understanding of how the classroom runs, and how I manage things. If you were not able to attend the Open House I held on Thursday, there is one on Tuesday from 5:30-6:00 and 6:15-6:45. I will not be able to spend as much time going through things on Tuesday, so if you have questions after the presentation, please let me know.

I'd like to ask that when considering items to send in for your child to have at snack time, that you not pack anything that contains peanuts, tree nuts or peanut products. If you DO send something with peanuts/tree nuts/peanut products, will you please make sure that your child is aware and that they let me know? I want to ensure a safe environment for everyone. If your child really loves peanuts, tree nuts, or peanut products, one option would be to put those items in their lunch, and keep their snack peanut/nut-free. This is just a suggestion!!

We only have peanut/peanut products/tree nuts allergies (no milk/cheese). The healthy snack suggestion list had a lot of foods (Goldfish for example) removed due to the different types of food allergies. Since there's no one with an egg/cheese/milk allergy, certain foods that weren't listed would be okay to send in. Please just read the label and be sure to let me know if the food contains peanuts/any tree nuts/peanut products.

This week the next Harry Potter movie comes out. I was planning on going to see it on Sunday. Would anyone be interested in meeting me at the movies (Crossroads)? If so, let me know and I'll see about the times. I think with traditional Kids being on vacation still and the movie releasing on Wednesday, maybe by Sunday there won't be a lot of people there to see it. Anyway, if you're interested in joining me at the movies, let me know!

Have a frog-tastic week!! :) Mrs. Walker



Social Studies & Science News

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.

Homework



M Math- HW p. 7 & Remembering p. 8

Spelling: Take Home Task 2

T Math-HW p. 13 and Remembering p. 14 and Grammar: "Endings" (Suffixes)

W Math- HW p. 15 and Remembering p. 16

T Math- HW p. 17 and Remembering p. 18

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Language Arts News



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Reading

This week we'll be focusing on objective 2.027 (Explains choice of reading with purpose). We will answer the question, "Why did you choose this book?" Each child will be given a rubric and we'll practice answering that question by using a story frame. On Thursday, we'll do a performance objective (I'll assess this objective) and then at the end of the week we'll begin looking at objective 2.0261 (Previews text and makes predictions).

Our Houghton-Mifflin story for this week is called "Grandfather's Journey."

Writing

This last week we started working in our "Seed Books" during writing time. We are following the Lucy Calkin's Launching the Writer's Workshop schedule, and this week we'll be adding "A Special Place" and "Sketching Scenes of a Memory." This will take us to Thursday, when your child will need to bring in a photograph attached to a favorite memory. Lastly, we'll be adding, "Treasured Items" to our Seed Books.

I am very excited to get many entries into our seed books so that we'll have a lot to write about. Next week we'll begin to take a seed and develop it into a wonderful story! I can't wait!

WWW

Our word work will focus on a few different things this week. The first thing that we'll be focusing on will be synonyms (words that are alike). We'll also focus on the long and short vowels and review how to tell the difference between the two. We'll also spend time learning about suffixes and base words.

We will do our word preview on Monday, and take our dictation test on Tuesday. On Thursday we will take the Skills tests. Lastly, on Friday we'll take the Cloze review for unit 2.

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Spelling Words



Ask

Listen

Clear

Grew

Single

Wish List



- Bean Bag Chairs for reading time
- Pencils
- Markers/crayons/colored pencils
- Colored pens for checking papers



Math News

I have excellent news... our workbooks and manipulatives have arrived!! Hooray! I am very excited to use these items while teaching math, as they should add to the learning in so many ways!

This week we'll be continuing with our "Fluency Plan." This is all review from third grade. This week we're going to be looking at 2s, 5s, 9s, and 10s on Monday and working with "Product Cards." We'll also be playing a game on Monday called, "Quotient Match." On Tuesday, we'll be reviewing multiplying and dividing with three and review pictographs. On Wednesday, we'll be multiplying and dividing with four. We'll also be looking at "Equal Shares Drawings." On Thursday we'll review multiplication and division with one and zero, and then Friday we'll review 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 9s, and 10s and play a game called, "High Card Wins." It should be a fun and exciting week!

Specials for the Week



Monday Computer Lab (Music is tracked out)

Tuesday P.E. 1

Wednesday P.E. 2

Thursday Art

Friday Media

Coming Events



7/14/09- Homework Club 4:00-4:30 & Oak Grove's Open House (Session 1: 5:30-6:00 and Session 2: 6:15-6:45)

7/16/09- First Ecology Club meeting of the year in room 607 from 4:00-4:45 (Members only).

7/21/09- Homework Club 4:00-4:30

7/24/09- Track Out Day!! (NO Track Out Ceremony)

Morning Work



NC Daily for each day this week:

Monday- "Build Your Capital" (Raleigh)

Tuesday- "Howdy Neighbor!" (Bordering States)

Wednesday- "Indian Territory" (Cherokee)

Thursday- "Settle Down!" (Fort Raleigh)

Friday- "Find Your Way" (Maze)