

THE WALKER TIMES

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HOMework

MONDAY

Math: HW p. 105 and Remembering p. 106

Spelling: Take Home Task 11

TUESDAY

Math: Lesson 3.3 adding 4-digit numbers

Cursive: "Attitude" p.3

WEDNESDAY

Math: Rounding Lesson 2.5

THURSDAY

Math: Remembering p. 112

WISH LIST

- Snack
- Bean-bag filler (we have two more "shells" but no filler for them!)



Our class shirts arrived this last week! I hope you like them as much as I do!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Hoppy Monday!! I hope everyone had a frog-tastic weekend!! I certainly did!! My husband and I went to dinner on Friday to celebrate my birthday, and then on Saturday we went over to Burlington for the second annual Piedmont Green Festival! It was very cool!

I hope everyone saw the "Weekly Pond Report" that came home on Friday. Each Friday the class will be completing a pond report to bring home. This should make for great conversation about what your child learned for the week, and what they feel they need to work on for the following week. I'm especially proud of the goals that the kids made for this week. Please sign the Weekly Pond Report and send it back to me, or you can just send me an email if that's easier.

This last week we did a practice mock writing test. I'm going to be meeting with the kids and sharing how they did, and what areas they need to work on. We take the first On-Demand writing task next Tuesday!


I'd like to get together next weekend (Sunday) for a trip to the Ganyard Hill Farm (www.ganyardhillfarm.com). It's \$12.50 per person but it includes admission to everything on the farm, and everyone gets a pumpkin with their admission. Please let me know if you'd be interested in joining me at the farm! It's open from 10am-6pm and I am available all day Sunday. Just email me and let me know if you're interested!!

SOCIAL STUDIES NEWS

This week we're going to continue to learn about the Civil War (the war ending and reconstruction), as well as a lesson about transportation and communication (railroads, telegraph/telephone, automobile age, and the Wright Brothers), and then we'll learn a little about WWI, the Great Depression, The New Deal, and WWII. This will lead us to learning about Suffrage, labor unions, and the Civil Rights Movement.

We'll watch a few United Streaming videos this week and we'll also play our States and Capitals game!!



 LANGUAGE ARTS
NEWS


 READING

This week we're still focusing on Conducting Research for our Focus Lessons (objectives 3.06 and 2.07).

We'll be learning about summarizing, looking at the Table of Contents, and then we'll spend a few days learning about how to use the Internet for research. We'll watch a few United Streaming videos to help us understand search engines, and how to critically evaluate the information that we find online.


We're still working on nonfiction in guided reading groups.


 WRITING

We did our mock writing test last week, and this week we'll be focused on Organization (varied beginnings to our sentences, solid beginnings, middles and ends, and using paragraphs).

Several of the kids have been working on writing Podcasts and they're on the website for your enjoyment!! We're going to continue to work on Podcasting, and eventually, everyone will be doing Podcasting and not just for book reviews!

We're also going to be creating Movie Maker Projects with the stories that we wrote with Mr. Krawiec (Writer in Residence). Hoppy Writing!!


 W.W.W.

This week we'll be doing our Word Work in our small guided reading groups. Each group will have a different focus depending on the reading assignment for the group.


 SPELLING
WORDS

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 MATH
NEWS


We're still in unit 3, and this week we'll be looking at different methods for adding. We'll practice adding with carrying above, dropping below, and adding with subtotals.

In addition to working on our addition, we'll practice rounding, and then move into subtraction. We'll finish the week by looking at both adding and subtracting as inverse operations.


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 IMPORTANT
INFORMATION

As you all know, we'll be tracking out in two weeks! I'd love to have some help on Thursday, October 15th with moving things from our room into Mrs. Coffey's room from 4:00-5:00. Please let me know if you can help!

Also, I'll be going out of state this track out and would LOVE to have someone take Esio Trot for the three weeks. Please contact me if you're interested in adopting him for the fall track out!!


 SPECIALS
INFORMATION

Monday- P.E. 2

Tuesday- Art

Wednesday- Media (We'll be checking out books to read with our Book Buddies on Thursday)

Thursday- Computer Lab

Did you know that we now have a part-time technology teacher? Mrs. Smith is back at Oak Grove as our new tech. teacher!! She'll be with us every other time that we go to the lab!!

This week, we'll be working on Movie Maker Projects and blogging

Friday- P.E. 1


 COMING
EVENTS

Tuesday (10-6-09) NO HOME-WORK CLUB!!!

Wednesday (10-7-09) Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:15

Thursday (10-8-09) Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:15

Sunday (10-11-09) Meet Mrs. Walker at Ganyard Hill Farm! Let me know if you're interested!!

Tuesday (10-13-09) First On-Demand Writing Task!

Homework Club 4:00-4:30

Thursday (10-15-09) Help Mrs. Walker Track Out of Room 607!!

Come to the room from 4:00-5:00!

Friday (10-16-09)- Track Out Day!! Track Out Ceremony 2:15 in the MPR!

Monday (11-9-09) Track Back in! We're in room 604!

Wednesday (11-11-09) Veteran's Day- NO SCHOOL!

Thursday (11-12-09) Take A Veteran to School Day! Do you have a veteran in your family? Please let me know! I'd love to have them come in for this special day!!