

THE WALKER TIMES

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HOMework

MONDAY

No School!! Labor Day!!

TUESDAY

Math: "Spa Treatments"

Spelling: Take Home Task 7

WEDNESDAY

Math: "Fishing for the Write Equation"

THURSDAY

Math: "Remembering" p. 78

WISH LIST

- Donations for our second www.donorschoose.org project (Time For Kids Magazines for each child)
- Tubs for books (Clear shoe containers or plastic dish pans work well)- we're out of room!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Happy Tuesday! I hope everyone had a restful Labor Day and enjoyed the extended weekend. I felt like I had a million things to do and still not enough time to get everything done!

I spent time on Sunday working on filling orders for my business (Cat's Custom Classroom Creations) and have one more to do and I'll be caught up with online orders. I still have two to do for teachers at Oak Grove. Then on Monday, we had our last Durham Bulls game of the season and then had a BBQ with some friends.

I'm excited to start working with our book buddies this week! We'll be reading with Ms. Parker's first grade class (track 3). We will go every second and fourth Thursday from 3:00-3:20. We're hoping to do more than just read with them this year! Maybe do some other learning activities as well!

I have added some new videos to the website. I took a few of the kids playing their recorders at recess, and then there's a new one of the Lunch Bunch dancing. I hope to begin podcasting this week. I think we're going to do book reviews for our first podcasts. I'll let you know when they're up and ready for listening.

On Friday the book orders arrived!! Thank you to everyone who ordered online and gave us a free book!! The next orders will be coming home in two weeks or so!! Also—thank you to everyone who helped with the cookie project!! It was wonderful thanks to all of you!!


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

SCIENCE NEWS

We've finished the fun with electricity (that just doesn't sound right does it??) and now we're moving on to magnets! This week we'll be doing Investigation 1- "The Force." Just the name alone sounds fun doesn't it?! The labs will require the kids to test their magnets on items around the room and see what is magnetic and what isn't. Then we'll also learn about magnetic properties, and what it takes to break the magnetic force. The last thing we'll do is read about how magnets interact, and how to make a compass. I think the kids are really going to enjoy this week for science!!





 LANGUAGE ARTS
NEWS


 READING


We've finished our unit on Metacognition (thinking about thinking and understanding when something doesn't make sense), and now we're going to be moving into our "Before and During Reading Strategies While Reading Nonfiction Text" unit. We'll begin this next unit by discussing autobiographies and biographies, various informational text sources, and journals and diaries.

Our Literature Circles are still moving smoothly and I've enjoyed reading with the groups, and listening to them read as well.


 WRITING

This week, I'll be taking a writing sample to put into each child's portfolio.

We've started personal narratives and that's what most of the class is working on. Believe it or not, some are still working on their Grown-Up Rules. It's taking longer to write than I had expected!!


 W.W.W.

After correcting last week's skills tests, it's pretty clear that we need to keep working on spelling there, their, and they're. That's what we'll do this week!! :) Keep practicing at home!


 SPELLING
WORDS

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 MATH
NEWS

This week we'll begin Unit 2: Geometry. We'll be learning about congruence, similarities, and symmetry, lines, segments, and rays, parallel and perpendicular lines, naming various quadrilaterals, and then on Friday, we'll begin our unit on area and perimeter!

The homework for Tuesday and Wednesday deals with multi-step word problems. The class needs some practice with this concept, so please assist your child if needed.


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 MORNING
WORK


 MONDAY


NO SCHOOL


 TUESDAY


"Birds of a Feather" (Cardinal)


 WEDNESDAY

"It's a Jungle Out There" (NC Colonists)


 THURSDAY

"Just Do It!" (Mia Hamm)


 FRIDAY

"For Safety's Sake" (Hurricane Safety)


 SPECIALS
INFORMATION

Starting this week, track 2 returns, so Mrs. Roberts (P.E.2) is out. That means that every MONDAY we'll have technology instead of P.E.2.

Tuesday- Art

Wednesday- Media

Thursday- Music (PLEASE make sure your child has their recorder AND a folder for music)

Friday- P.E.1


 COMING
EVENTS

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| 9/8- Homework Club 4-4:30 | and Legislative Buildings (Info to come home soon) |
| 9/15- Homework Club 4-4:30 | |
| 9/17- Ecology Club 4-4:45 | 10/1- Ecology Club 4-4:45 |
| 9/18- Pictures!! 11:30 | 10/2- Book Orders Due |
| 9/21- Next Book Order Sent Home | 10/6- NO Homework Club |
| 9/21-9/25- Writer In Residence | 10/7- Conferences 4-7pm |
| 9/25- End of the 1st Quarter! | 10/8- Conferences 4-7pm |
| 9/29- First Field Trip!! Capitol | 10/13- On Demand Writing Test #1 (Tracks 1 and 3) |
| | See website for more events! |