



The Walker Times

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What's Happening in Our Pond?

Homework



I hope everyone had a nice weekend! It was frog-tastic to see so many of you at Crossroads to see Harry Potter! I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did! I saw during the previews that there's a Disney movie coming out in November/December called The Frog Prince... you know I'll have to see that one!! The Lightning Thief is also coming out this year, and I'll be seeing that and hopefully some of you will want to join me to see that one as well! I'm going to start reading The Lightning Thief for read aloud when we return in August.

This week is our track out week (hooray!!) Just an FYI- we do not have a track out ceremony on Friday (we've only been together for three weeks).

I hope you all have a wonderful and restful track out! My parents are coming down (from Michigan) for a visit, they'll be here on Saturday and I can't wait to see them! The second week of track out, my husband and I are going to the beach for the week to celebrate our 3rd Anniversary. It isn't the Bahamas, but it's still a beach!!!

Have a safe, hoppy, and fun track out!!

:)

Mrs. Walker



Social Studies & Science News

We've been having a great time learning about the three regions of North Carolina in Social Studies! I majored in History, Geography, Political Science, and Economics and I absolutely LOVE teaching Social Studies! I think it's essential for us as Americans to know where we come from and where things are!! This week we'll be finishing our studies for the first quarter, and I'll be sending home the study guide for our first test on Thursday. The test will be given on Thursday, August 20th, 2009. Be sure to study!!!

Monday Math: HW p. 31 and Remembering p. 32 Spelling: Take Home Task 3

Tuesday Math: Multiplication Mosaic (you'll need crayons) and Grammar: More Tricky Verbs (Irregular Verbs)

Wednesday No Homework Today!

Thursday Math: HW p. 51 and Remembering p. 52

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Language Arts News



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Reading

This week we'll be starting a new objective (2.0261- Predicting) and I can't wait to get started! We'll practice predicting Monday and then Tuesday we'll do a Performance Assessment.

On Wednesday we'll begin objectives 2.022, 2.023, and 2.025 which make up CROP-QV strategies. Here's what CROP-QV stands for: Connections Reactions Opinions Predictions Questions and Visualizations.

Our Houghton-Mifflin story for the week is "Finding the Titanic" and should be very interesting and enjoyable!

Writing

We are going to start one of my absolutely favorite writing lessons this week! We'll be writing "Rules" but in a very different and creative way! You'll have to ask your child what we're doing... I don't want to ruin the surprise!!

This week we'll also be writing about The Lost Colony, because we'll be studying The Lost Colony on Tuesday. The Lost Colony is a great mystery and fourth graders love to learn more about it! If you have nothing planned over track out, why not head over and see the play? www.thelostcolony.org/

WWW

This week our grammar focus is on irregular verbs. We'll be spending some time on Tuesday learning about irregular verbs, as well as taking our weekly dictation test.



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Spelling Words



Explain Lost
Spring Energy
Week

Wish List



- Bean Bags for the Kids to use during reading time
- Parent Help!! I need help with creating my Reading Response Journals! If I could get three-four people to help— it could be done in less than two hours!! Let me know if you can help!!
- A garbage can/crate to use for recycling water bottles/cans



Math News

The objectives that we'll be focusing on this week include: 1.02c, 1.02e, 5.01a, and 5.01b. We'll be looking at multiplication with the number 6, and then we'll be practicing multiplication and doing a timed test where the class will have five minutes to complete 100 problems. This is ONLY for practice— not for a grade. Your child SHOULD be able to get all 100 correct. Any that they miss should be studied over track out!! This week we'll also be doing Order of Operations, more array problems, and word problems.

Specials for the Week



Monday Computer Lab
Tuesday P.E. 1
Wednesday P.E. 2
Thursday Art
Friday Media

Coming Events



Tuesday 7/21/09- Homework Club 4:00-4:30 Please let me know if your child is going to stay!!

Wednesday 7/22/09- Early Release Day (Children will release at 1:10) PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!!

Thursday 7/23/09- The Social Studies Study Guide will be sent home via email AND paper copy. Your child will also have a copy to Keep at school!

Friday 7/24/09- Track Out Day!! See you August 17th!!



Morning Work



NC Dailies for the Week

Monday- "Fly Your Flag" - NC Flag

Tuesday- "Let's Get Directions" - Map of NC

Wednesday- "Discovery"- Explorers

Thursday- "Up in the Air"- Michael Jordan

Friday- "Flying High"- Wright Brothers Code