

THE WALKER TIMES

THE FROG-TASTIC NEWSLETTER OF MRS. WALKER'S 4TH GRADE

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HOMework

MONDAY

Spelling: Take Home Task 8 (Antonyms)
Math: None!

TUESDAY

Math: Homework p. 81 and Remembering p. 82

WEDNESDAY

Math: Homework p. 83 and Remembering p. 84

THURSDAY

None!!

Last week, 20/22 students turned in EVERY assignment!! Way to go!!! Let's get 100% this week!

WISH LIST

- Snack
- Donate to our Donors Choose Grant (Time For Kids) \$5 would be awesome!!
- Donate t-shirt \$

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Hello! I hope everyone had a frog-tastic weekend! I spent all day Saturday playing Beatles Rock Band (and completing the game), and then playing against my dad on Guitar Hero 5. It's very cool to be able to "jam" with him when he's all the way up in Michigan and I'm down here in North Carolina! The wonders of technology!!

Speaking of technology, this week in technology we'll be learning about blogging! We will also talk about podcasting, and hopefully create our first book review podcasts this week!

I sent home an order form on Friday for class t-shirts. Hopefully you'll consider buying one for your child to have on our field trips, and as a great memento of fourth grade!

Have a hoppin' week!
:) Mrs. Walker



SCIENCE NEWS

Believe it or not, we're completely finished with our science unit! We'll spend time on Monday reviewing our notes and making sure that everyone has all the information that's needed to be successful on our Blue Diamond test. We'll be taking the Blue Diamond on Tuesday. Students are allowed (and encouraged) to use their science notebooks on the test!

Check out the videos on the website of our science lab!!



LANGUAGE ARTS NEWS

READING

This week we'll be previewing nonfiction text, and learning about a technique called "Activating Prior Knowledge." This is a great way to recall all that we know about a subject, and use it to help us learn more.

We'll work in small groups on Cause and Effect strategies and practice with some different situations.

WRITING

I was able to collect an unassisted writing sample from just about everyone. Those will be added to the profile card and will be graded. This week, we'll be spending a lot of extra time on writing (since we're finished with science). Our writer in residence comes to visit next week and we need to be as prepared as possible!

W.W.W.

I did not give a spelling test this last week. There will be one this week. Please make sure your child studies!!

SPELLING WORDS

Teacher Happy
Thus Square
Moment

MATH NEWS

We'll be starting the week off by reviewing area and perimeter, and then we'll be taking Blue Diamond #3. The rest of the week will take us through area and perimeter of parallelograms and complex figures. On Thursday, we'll take the Unit 2 test. On Friday, we'll begin Unit 3: Addition and Subtraction Problems, by looking at understanding equality. Throughout the week, we'll be playing with our new math games (from Donorschoose.org).

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MORNING WORK

MONDAY

"Divide and Conquer"- NC 100 Counties

TUESDAY

"Back on Top" Three Regions of NC

WEDNESDAY

"Breaking Up" NC/SC

THURSDAY

"Speak Your Mind" Jesse Jackson

FRIDAY

"Work the Word" Names from NC

SPECIALS INFORMATION

Monday- Technology Lab

Tuesday- Art

Wednesday- Media

Thursday- Music (Bring Recorder)

Friday- P.E.1

ROCK STAR OF THE MONTH



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COMING EVENTS

- 9/15/09- Science Blue Diamond
- 9/16/09- Early Dismissal (2:45)
- 9/17/09- Unit 2 Math Test and Outstanding Otter (2:00)
- 9/18/09- Picture Day (11:30)
- 9/21/09-9/25/09- Writer in Residence (10:55-11:55)
- 9/22/09 Parent Meeting for
- Overnight Field Trip 6:00 in Media Center
- 9/24/09- Book Buddies (3:00)
- 9/25/09- End of 1st Quarter
- 9/29/09- Field Trip to Capitol/Legislative Buildings \$3.50 and Lunch at Kids Together Park in Cary