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HOMework

MONDAY

Math: HW p. 97 and Remembering p. 98

Spelling: THT 10 (Prefixes)

TUESDAY

Cursive: "Attitude" p.2

WEDNESDAY

Math: HW p. 99 and Remembering p.100

THURSDAY

Math: HW p. 101 and Remembering p. 102

Grammar: "At the Beginning" (Prefixes)



Field Trip on Tuesday!! Don't forget to pack your child a lunch! We'll be enjoying lunch at Kids Together Park in Cary for lunch and fun!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Can you believe that we have finished the first quarter already? I don't know where the time is going!! Report cards will be coming home on Monday, so please be on the look out!!

I will be sending home a note regarding conferences. I have Wednesday the 7th and Thursday the 8th reserved from 4:00-7:00 for conferences. They will be in 20 minute blocks of time, so please be on time for your scheduled time so that I can stay on schedule for my other conferences. If the 4pm-7pm time will not work for you, please let me know and I'll try to work something else out for you. I can do one conference during my planning (10:20-10:40) and then one before school (8:15-8:35).

This weekend my husband and I participated in the American Heart Association's Heart Walk around the RBC center. We only walked a mile, but it was for a good cause and we had a good time.

The book orders are due Monday, so if you'd like to order please send your money to school (check made to Scholastic Book Clubs) or pay online with a credit card.

I'm hoping that our t-shirts will arrive Monday so we'll have them for our field trip on Tuesday!!

Please make sure that your child packs their lunch for Tuesday!! We'll be eating at the park!

Have a frog-tastic week!!

SOCIAL STUDIES NEWS

This week we'll be starting up with Social Studies again. We'll be learning about the American Revolution, the Indian Removal Act (and we'll be watching a video on United Streaming), Slavery (we'll watch another United Streaming Video), and then we'll start to learn about the Civil War on Friday (and we'll watch a United Streaming Video). I think the kids will really enjoy this quarter in social studies!!

Last week we started playing the States and Capitals game in class to help us learn the states and capitals. Please ask your child about this game and work with them on learning their states and capitals and where the states are located on the US map!





LANGUAGE ARTS NEWS

READING

We'll be jumping into nonfiction text this quarter. Instead of reading novels during our reading time, I'll be meeting with small groups and we'll be reading a variety of nonfiction texts. Each group will be reading something different that I've selected based on the members of the group.

While working in groups we'll be practicing what we're learning about during our focus lessons. This week our focus lessons will be about guiding questions and exploring a variety of resources (articles, internet, almanac) to help us understand expository text.

WRITING

This week we'll spend time finishing our writing that we started with Mr. K last week, and then we'll type our stories on the computer. Once we have our stories typed, we're going to learn how to make them into a Movie Maker Project.

This week we'll also be writing letters to thank the donors who donated to our Donors Choose grants.

We have more cursive practice this Tuesday for homework. Please work with your child if they're struggling with cursive!!

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Our grammar focus this week is on prefixes. We'll be doing our Take Home Task on Monday to practice, and then we'll be doing more prefix practice on Thursday.

SPELLING WORDS

Unit 10 Words

Information Length Except
Speed Machine

MATH NEWS

Our focus for this week will be on place value. We'll be drawing, reading, and working with numbers from the ones place to the millions place this week.

On Wednesday we'll start to practice rounding, and then Thursday we'll be doing more with inequalities (greater than and less than) as well as using a number line.

Friday we'll finish the week by reading and writing numbers in the millions.

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MORNING WORK

MONDAY

"Three Branches" (NC State Government)

TUESDAY

"Lake Effect" (NC Lakes)

WEDNESDAY

"Revolution!" American Revolution in NC

THURSDAY

"Surprise!" William Sydney Porter (O. Henry)

FRIDAY

"Symbol Stuff" Word Search

SPECIALS INFORMATION

Because Track four is now tracked out, we'll be having technology instead of music.

Monday- P.E. 2 with Mrs. Roberts

Tuesday- (NO SPECIALS DUE TO OUR FIELD TRIP)

Wednesday- Media

Thursday- Computer Lab (We'll be taking the STAR test for the second quarter)

Friday- P.E. 1 with Mrs. Sammons

COMING EVENTS

Monday- 9/28/09- Report Cards -7 pm (20 minutes each) come home!

Tuesday 9/29/09- Field Trip to NC Capitol/Legislative and Supreme Court Buildings! Lunch at Kids Together Park in Cary

Homework Club (Please let me know if your child is staying)

Tuesday 10/6/09- NO HOMEWORK CLUB!!

Wednesday 10/7/09- Conferences 4-7 pm (20 minutes each)

Thursday 10/8/09- Conferences 4

Tuesday 10/13/09- NC Writing Task On Demand #1 (Tracks 1 and 3 ONLY)

Thursday 10/15/09- Help Mrs. Walker track out of room 607!! 4pm-5pm

Oak Grove Math and Science night 5pm-7pm

Friday 10/16/09- TRACK OUT DAY!!!

Track Out Ceremony 2:15pm