

NEWSLETTER

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Spelling/Vocabulary:

The words this week will come from our Journeys' series - lesson 1. The spelling/vocabulary test is Friday, August 30, 2019.

- comfort - consisted
- mention - positive
- mood - advanced
- properly - peculiar
- intends - talent
- hoax - gobbledygook

Vocabulary Strategy

Students will work on using common Greek and Latin affixes and roots for clues to the meaning of a word. This week the prefixes are "re-", "un-", & "dis-".

Grammar:

This week in grammar, students will identify the components of a complete sentence. They will be revising sentence fragments to transform them into complete sentences.

Math:

This week in math, we will be focusing on place value. We will begin by interpreting multiplication equations as comparisons. Next, we will be recognizing how our place value system is organized. We will learn that the value of each digit is ten times greater than the value of the previous digit. In the number 555, for example, the value of each of the 5's increases ten times as we move to the left. We will also be saying and writing numbers in unit form, standard form, and expanded form. Finally, we will end the week by comparing numbers and justifying our comparisons.

Science:

This week in science, we will be focusing on the scientific method and learning to observe like

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scientists. We will also begin our first unit in science. Our first unit will be life science. We will begin the unit by focusing on the structures and functions of plants. We will end the week with a fun stem activity that will be completed with teams in our class!

Reading:

This week students will work on several comprehension skills and strategies for understanding story structure, point of view, and flashback. Our anchor text is Kate Dicamillo's book Because of Winn-Dixie. Also, students will look at the characteristics and events found in realistic fiction. Finally, students will participate in a fluency, comprehension, and decoding benchmark test called AimsWeb Plus.

Upcoming Dates:

August 20th and 23rd AimsWeb testing
reading and math
September 2nd Labor Day - No School
September 5th - 25th Grades 2 - 8 Fall Map Testing
September 9th Grandparents Day for Fourth Graders
September 11th - K-5 Open House
September 27th - AR Points Due
September 27th - End of 6 week grading period
September 27th- 1st 6 wk AR points are due
September 30th - October 4th - School at the Zoo

Social Studies:

This week in social studies, we will be researching and discussing the question: "Why do diverse groups of people settle in new areas?"

Writing:

In writing this week, students will focus on introducing a topic clearly and providing supportive reasoning. In addition we will be looking at examples of, and writing concluding statements.