

NEWSLETTER

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Spelling/Vocabulary:

The words this week will come from our Journeys' series - lesson 5. The spelling/vocabulary/grammar test is Friday, November 8, 2019.

- memorable
- horrified
- outcast
- shortage
- seafaring
- arduous
- * tidal
- * foaming
- * condition
- * betrayed
- * yearning
- * persnickety

Reading:

This week in reading, students will begin their Jr. Great Books series. The first story in the book is Langston Hughes' Thank You, M'am. It is about a young boy who learns an important lesson about kindness and trust from an unexpected source. Students will reflect on an unexpected act of kindness they have done for someone or someone has done for them. Additionally, they will explore the stated and implied themes in the story. Finally, students will also look at Hughes' poem, A Poet and a Dreamer.

Upcoming Dates:

November 3 Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 5 Election Day, No School

Student-Led conferences

November 9 Sneak Peek Event for Book Fair

Math:

This week in math, we will continue multiplying. Students will take a 20 point mid- module quiz. They will have Thursday and Friday to complete the quiz. We will be reviewing for the quiz in class. It will cover: multiplicative comparison, multiplying 2, 3, & 4 digit numbers by 1 digit, and using the area and perimeter formulas to find the area and perimeter of rectangles. Next week, we will begin dividing. We will start by using arrays and area models. We will then move on to the standard algorithm.

Science:

We will begin our next unit in science this week—Earth Science. We will begin by learning how to interpret rock layers. We will be doing a rotation lab tomorrow to learn about different rock layers and then we will begin a Geohistory project toward the end of the week. We will also focus on the different types of rocks and the rock cycle. Once we are finished with rocks, we will begin studying the layers of the earth.

Social Studies:

The focus in Social Studies for the next two weeks will be Ancient America to Reconstruction. We will learn how trade led to exploration in other regions of the world. Students will focus on using maps, globes, charts, and other geographic tools including map keys and symbols to gather and interpret data and draw conclusions.

Writing/Grammar:

We will continue singing our Preposition Song, and working with prepositions. We will focus on the writing strategy of Word Choice. In addition, we will begin learning about opinion pieces. We will be expressing our opinions using the format of a 3.8 paragraph.