

Hafling Update November 18, 2019

Dear Parents,

If you were able to attend the Thanksgiving dinner, you know how special it is to your child and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Our time was so short, I didn't get to get around to everyone, but I hope you enjoyed your lunch. Also, the book fair was a great success. I know the students enjoyed coming home with new books.

For homework this week, students will continue with reading log and spelling. The response this week is a question and answer about what they are reading. Students should try to fill out either name of book or connection, some already do both. They should be reading an AR book. If they read a short book, they should bring it in to see if it is an AR and take the test. If it is a chapter book, they should continue reading until it's finished and then bring in to take the AR test. Also, keep working on those math facts! I've also asked the students to try getting on IXL at home. They have their passwords in their binders. Please let me know if you can't access it. I know I have a few students working on it at home already. I would like for students to use this too if possible. This week, they can experiment with a few of the skill plans or the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade level skills. Later, I hope to be able to assign specific skills.

Red folders were sent home today. Please take out classwork and send back the behavior log with your initials beside the comment week. Again, feel free to write comments on the back with the date.

Curriculum:

Reading- This week, we are reading a variety of materials to support text features and a story about seeds to plants to go along with our Science. This article was a little longer and more complex, so we are carrying it over into this week. Students worked on vocab for this piece and also will be reading leveled books that are related to plants.

Writing- Working on organization of a piece: beginning, middle and end. Also, identifying and using possessives.

Math- We are into the final lessons on place value. We are also practicing telling time, learning coins, and counting money.

Science-We are learning about seed dispersal. We watched a mystery about seed travel last week and this week will continue to learn more about how seeds travel. Today they made some models of different types of seeds and tested their falls to the ground and tried to stay out of the darkness zone.

Social Studies- We will be talking about Thanksgiving and some history behind it. We also will read a short story with Magic Tree House about the holiday in small groups.

Important Dates:

November 26- Town Meeting @ 2:00- (Different day and time due to Thanksgiving break. Students have all week to work on something and present to teacher. Hope you can make it!