

February 3, 2020



Dear Parents,

We have another busy week planned - Our plans this week will be a continuation of last week's lessons.

-We definitely enjoyed our Friday's chocolate fountain - Check our google classroom for a cute photo.

-Biography presentations all week - refer to the attached schedule. If any of you are unclear about the essay, here's a quick note - It should be a short - less than a page - summary of the person's life (2nd grade appropriate). You can use the "writing a biography" handout that I sent home for guidance, if it's helpful. If you have questions, please feel free to ask as I want this to be a fun, memorable experience for all.

-Guest readers for the week are Beth Rusch on Tuesday, Katie Greene on Wednesday, and Micah Blue on Thursday.

-I have several conferences scheduled this week. Check the schedule and make a note of your time. If you need to reschedule, send me an email.

-We will be sorting and identifying polygons in addition to our Eureka math this week. I have noticed that many students struggle with understanding the concept of missing addends so I have a cute Valentine activity that targets this skills.

-In science, we will be wrapping wrap up our states of matter unit and will move to land and water after the winter break. Our next STEM challenge is planned for the 13th - We should be ready.

-Looking ahead, February 13th is our Shakespeare "Bard Buddies" workshop - both 2nd and 3rd graders participate in this every year. We will be performing a child's version of *Hamlet* as we learn the elements of a play. One of the brilliant things about Shakespeare is that each of his plays is rich with themes that are central to the human experience. When a director approaches a Shakespearean text, he or she must choose which themes to emphasize. The following themes are important to this interpretation of *Hamlet*!

Healthy Relationships

Conflict Resolution

Creativity - February's Core Essential trait

If you're a Shakespeare fan you might want to check-out this great site. It's what we will be using to enrich our learning.

<http://kyshakespeare.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Bard-Buddies-Hamlet-2019-20-1.pdf>

Have a wonderful week!

Respectfully,
Mrs. Linda Hall