

Griffis Superstar Studio

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You're a star in Mrs. Griffis's Class!

Week of Jan. 17, 2012

WEEKLY FEATURES

MATH

- **Envision Math Terra Nova Practice:** Various Equations
- **Math Online Tests:** Each day this week I will give a mini lesson on test areas that the majority of children are having problems. These grades will not be put in the grade book, but I will send home a progress report for you to keep. I want to make sure students understand these concepts since they will be built upon in future grades and will be on the Terra Nova test. Extra practice on all of these areas is available online.

READING



- **New Monthly Book Choice:** "Students' Choice": Students get to choose the book they'd like to read this month. It needs to be a Reading Counts book with at least 100 pages.
- **Reading Counts Quizzes** Each time students finish a Reading Counts book, they are to complete a Reading Counts Quiz.
- **Weekly Reading Cards**– 100 minutes of reading at home.
- **Family Read Alouds**– Please return on Friday. *Please let me know if this is ever a problem as this is optional.*

GRAMMAR



- **Caught 'Ya Grammar:** We will continue with the Purple Umbrella Caught 'Ya Grammars. Students should be making fewer mistakes since we have reviewed most skills.
- **Caught 'Ya in All Subjects!** Don't let Mrs. Griffis catch you! There are grammar, punctuation, and spelling checks in all subject areas!
- **Catch 'Ya at Home!** Please help me at home by having students correct any grammar, punctuation, spelling, capitalization errors when work is done at home. I've also asked them to catch others at home if done in the right way. They can explain :) The kids have really been improving in this area, and I feel the more they are held responsible for catching these mistakes and correcting them, the more accurate they will become :) Thank you!

WRITING

Paragraph Publication: "Digital Photo Paragraph" Today students will have the opportunity to take a digital picture of something in or outside the classroom. Students may also choose to take and/or bring a photo from home. From this paragraph, students will write a paragraph.
Mon- Decide on photos **Tues-** Write first draft **Wed-** Edit draft **Thu-** Write final draft. **Fri-** turn in

PERSONAL DICTIONARY

Personal Dictionaries– Any words misspelled in your writing/ graded homework need to be added into your yellow personal dictionaries. **New: Put a SUN ☀ by words misspelled this week.** We will be having quizzes on Thursdays or Fridays, and any word in your dictionary may be included.

SOCIAL STUDIES

American Revolution Study Guide: We will continue with our study.

SCIENCE

Science Projects: Project dates have been set. Activities/ Experiments can be found on
http://www.internet4classrooms.com/skills_5th_science_new.htm
http://www.internet4classrooms.com/skills_4th_science_new.htm



Calendar of Events

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Mon. Jan 16: Martin Luther King Day– off

Wed. Jan 18: Hedgehog Hangout

Thur. Jan 19: School Board Meeting
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Wed. Jan 25: Wacky Wednesday– Wear your favorite sports jersey!

Thur. Jan. 26

- Chinese New Year Luncheon
- End of 2nd Quarter

Fri. Jan 27: No school for students– Teacher work day

Mon. Jan 30: 1st Science Project (Olivia)

Wed. Feb 1: Report Cards go home.

Mon. Feb. 6: Early Release 11:30 –Conferences

Tue. Feb. 7: Dental Health Presentations

Thur. Feb. 9th: Early Release

Fri. Feb. 17: No school– Parent Teacher Conferences/ Teacher In-service

Mon. Feb. 20: Presidents' Day– off

Thur. Mar. 9: Early Release 11:30– Teacher In-service

Mar. 12-16 Terra Nova

Superstar Snapshots!



**Sending off our second set of pen pal letters
To Kettering, Ohio!**



Welcome, Damien, our new superstar!