

# Griffis Superstar Studio

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

Week of Jan. 3, 2012

## WEEKLY FEATURES

### MATH



- **Envision Math Terra Nova Practice:** Time & Temperature
- **Math Textbooks Going Home:** I will be sending home the math textbooks with the students this week. These can be used whenever needed— for review or extra practice. Also, students can access the online textbook/ video resources. They have been given a password for this site.
- **Math Online Tests:** Please make sure to take the online tests by January 13th (extended). These grades will be going into the grade book. Quick reviews are given during the tests on any concepts you are having difficulties with.

### 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.
- **Flexible Reading Groups** Each time students finish a Reading Counts book, they are to complete a Book Review and take a Reading Counts Quiz.
- **Comprehension Skills:** Author's Purpose
- **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.*

### 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!

### WRITING

**Paragraph Publication: "I Am From"**  
**Monday:** Prewrite **Tuesday:** Rough Draft **Wednesday:** Revise and Edit **Thursday:** Final Draft **Friday:** Turn it in **Note: Any work not finished in class is due for homework.**

### PERSONAL DICTIONARY

**Personal Dictionaries**— Any words misspelled in your writing/ graded homework need to be added into your yellow personal dictionaries. Be sure to put a STAR by all of these words. We will be having quizzes on Thursdays, and any word in your dictionary may be included.

### SOCIAL STUDIES

#### Liberty Kids Series

- An American in Paris
- Sybil Ludington
- Lafayette Arrives
- The Hessians Are Coming

This week we will review the Liberty Kids series videos we've seen so far, and a test will be given next week on this material.

### SCIENCE



**Science Projects:** Students will be the teachers when they create a report, poster, and activity on a given topic. A packet of information will be sent home this week giving topics, project specifications, rubrics, & due dates. This information can also be found on our website.



**Go Above & Beyond  
the Call of Duty!**

Happy  
New Year  
2012

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

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Tue. Jan. 3: Return to school— Happy New Year!!

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Mon. Jan 16: Martin Luther King Day— off

Wed. Jan 18: Hedgehog Hangout

Mon. Jan 23: Chinese New Year Stations

Thur. Jan. 26 End of 2nd Quarter

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

Tue. Jan 31: Begin 3rd Quarter

Mon. Feb. 6: Early Release 11:30—Teacher In-service

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 Testing

# WHAT FUN WE HAD!

