



WEEKLY FEATURES

MATH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Envision Math Terra Nova Practice: Temperature & Equations Math Online Tests: Due Friday– I will give students time this week to go to the computer lab to finish any tests they haven't completed; however, they may want to take time each night to work on them in case the time given in school is not enough.
READING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Reading Counts Quiz. Weekly Reading Cards– 100 minutes of reading at home. Family Read Alouds– Please return on Friday. <i>Please let me know if this is ever a problem as this is optional.</i> Library Oral Reading– We will be reading our published books to lower grade students this week while they are in the library. This will allow us to practice our oral reading and presentation skills to younger students.
GRAMMAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	Polish and Publish: "I Am From" This week we will include corrections from our graded final drafts and type our poems on the computer (on one page). Once they are typed, students will decorate their poems with a border of illustrations that go along with their poems. They should be very special and wonderful keepsakes. We will bind them in a classroom book.
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 or Fridays, and any word in your dictionary may be included.
SOCIAL STUDIES	American Revolution Study Guide: This week we will be given a study guide on the American Revolution. Every day, we will review a new topic. No test date is set yet.
SCIENCE	Science Projects: This week I will do a "Sample Presentation" for the students. By the end of the week, I should have a schedule created. Between the time I hand out the schedule and the first presentation, I will give 2 weeks in-between for preparation time.

Calendar of Events

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- Tue. Jan 10: PTO Meeting at Rugby's Too @9:30
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- Mon. Jan 16: Martin Luther King Day– off
- Wed. Jan 18: Hedgehog Hangout
- Thur. Jan 19: School Board Meeting
- 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. 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



CHINESE NEW YEAR LUNCHEON

Luncheon Item: On January 26th, 4th and 5th grade classes will be hosting a Chinese New Year Luncheon. Please let us know if you can bring a dish to share: _____

Fun Stations: That same day we will be having stations in which classes will rotate between the teachers to do a fun Chinese New Year activity.

Superstar Snapshots!



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



Welcome, Damien, our new superstar!