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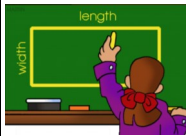
You're a star in Mrs. Griffis's Class!

Week of Nov. 28, 2011

WEEKLY FEATURES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

MATH



Envision Math Terra Nova Practice: Geometry and Problem Solving
We will begin preparing for the Terra Nova math skills this week and will continue until the Terra Nova test, which will begin March 12th. After that, we will continue with our regularly scheduled lessons.

NEW- Quick Quizzes: Areas of various shapes (Remember the rules)

- Rectangle $L \times W = A$
- Triangle $1/2 (b \times h) = A$

READING



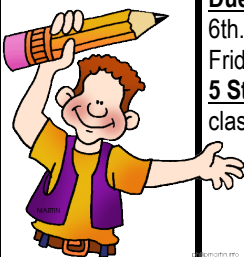
- **Weekly Reading Cards**– 100 minutes of reading at home.
- **Family Read Alouds**– Please return on Friday. *Please let me know if this is ever a problem.*
- **NEW- Monthly Book Pick:** Our new book this month is **Tuck Everlasting**. I will be reading the entire story to the class. However, students can also bring this book home to read themselves, as well. As soon as we are finished, students will take a Reading Counts Quiz.
- **Flexible Reading Groups** Each time students finish a book, they are to complete a Book Review and take a Reading Counts Quiz.

GRAMMAR



- **Magic Purple Umbrella:** Ask your child to tell you the latest update of our "Caught 'Ya Grammar" revealing the secret of the *Magic Purple Umbrella!*
- **Caught 'Ya Grammar:** We will stop to review and test all grammar, punctuation, and spelling skills from the Magic Purple Umbrella story so far.
- **Caught 'Ya in All Subjects!** Don't let Mrs. Griffis catch you! There are grammar, punctuation, and spelling checks in all subject areas!

WRITING



Polishing & Publishing! Students have chosen one of their graded stories to polish and publish (*Dream Job, Character Sketch, Fall Poem, Fairy Tale, or Recipe for Life*)

Due Dates: Stories need to be turned in to Mrs. Griffis to be bound by Tuesday, December 6th. However, if you'd like your front and back cover to be laminated, please turn it in by this Friday, Dec. 2nd. After this time, I can't promise that I can laminate.

5 Story Authors' Teas: Parents are invited to listen to their children read their stories at our classroom Authors' Teas. Please let me know if you need to change your day/time.

Thursday, Dec. 8th

9:45-10:00: Abbie, Adam
10:00-10:15 Aja, Alexis K
10:15-10:30 Ashlyn, Avery
10:30-10:45 Cherish, Eli
10:45-11:00 Eoin, Erik
11:00-11:15 Erik, Jackson

Friday, Dec. 9th

9:45-10:00: Jacob H, Jacob J
10:00-10:15 Katie, Keegan
10:15-10:30 Kyle, Kelly
10:30-10:45 Lexi, Max
10:45-11:00 Noah, Olivia
11:00-11:15 Paul, Rebekah

5th GRADE PHONICS

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 these words.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Liberty Kids Series

- The Second Continental Congress
- Bunker Hill
- Washington Takes Command
- Postmaster General Franklin

Classroom Simulations: A Focus on

Colonial Times: "Question of Tolerance" (intolerance of Puritans) and "Reprieve Granted" (Settling the colony of Georgia)



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Wed. Nov. 30th: Welcome Jade McMaster to our class!

Fri. Dec. 2nd:

- Turn in book to be laminated. (optional)
- Reading Counts Parties during lunch

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Mon. Dec. 5th: Hannah comes back! :)

Tue. Dec. 6th: Turn in book to be bound & published.

Thur. Dec. 8: 5-Story Author's Tea 10-11:30

Fri. Dec. 9th: Five Story Author's Tea 10:00-11:00 (cont'd)

Dec. 19– Jan2: Christmas Break

Tue. Jan. 3: Return to school

Mon. Jan 16: Martin Luther King Day– off

Superstar Snapshots!



Superstar Parents Rock!



Loving Mommas



Helpful Parents



Thanksgiving Mats & Napkin Rings



Yummy Pies!



Feltwell Fuzzy for Katie



I am thankful for...



Yummy food... messy fingers

