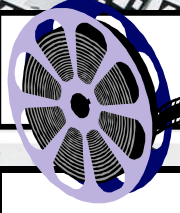


Griffis Superstar Studio

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

Week of Nov. 7, 2011



WEEKLY FEATURES

MATH

- Envision Math:** Long Division
- Quick Quizzes:** Equivalent Fractions (extra practice on website)
 - Mountain Math** is on hold for the time being.

READING



- Read Aloud Homework**— one time during the week (Mon-Fri), please listen to your child read aloud to you and help him/her to answer a couple of easy questions. (Please see attached note)
- Monthly Book Pick:** *Mr. Popper's Penguins*. Chapters 1-7 have been read to the class. The rest of the chapters need to be read at home during their weekly reading time. Once this book is completed, students can choose other books to read. *If your child is having difficulties reading this book, please let me know.*
- Flexible Reading Groups** Students will continue to participate in flexible reading groups. Each time students finish a book, they are to complete a Book Review. Various reading strategies and skills will be covered.
- Fluency Checks** Students will be checked for reading fluency on a bi-weekly basis.

GRAMMAR



- Caught 'Ya Grammar:** various grammar skills
- Caught 'Ya in All Subjects!** Don't let Mrs. Griffis catch you! There are grammar, punctuation, and spelling checks in all subject areas!
- Caught 'Ya Vocabulary:** Taken from Caught 'Ya Grammars

WRITING



- Two Weeks Polishing & Publishing!** Students will choose one of their graded stories to polish and publish (*Character Sketch, Fall Poem, Fairy Tale, or Recipe for Life*)
- First Week**
- Monday**— Choose one of your graded stories to Polish and Publish. They divide their story into 5-10 parts/pages and begin writing the story pages on plain white paper using a writing guide to make sure your lines are straight. They should include all corrections from their graded writing.
 - Tuesday**— Finish writing story pages.
 - Wednesday**— Write Special Pages (Front Cover, Title Page, Other Books Written, Dedication Page, Glossary, and Author's Page). When finished writing, they can begin illustrations (see below).
 - Thursday & Friday**— Illustrate every page by drawing with a pencil first, then outlining with a black Sharpie, and finally coloring all pictures.
- Second Week**
- Monday & Wednesday**— Continue/finish illustrations.
 - Thursday**— Turn in completed book. Once Mrs. Griffis has checked it, you can practice reading your story with a partner with fluency and expression.
 - Friday**— Read to lower grade classes.

5th GRADE PHONICS



- Personal Dictionaries**— In addition to phonics/spelling words given by the teacher, students are also responsible for identifying and listing words they've misspelled in ALL returned work in ALL subject areas. (A star should be placed by these words to distinguish them as personal words).
- Review of All Words**— A phonics quiz will be given individually to students on Thursdays using the words from their Personal Dictionaries. 5 words will be taken from starred (personal) words and the other 5 words will be taken from phonics words.

SCIENCE

- Forces and Motion:**
- Position, direction and speed
- Friction
- Mass & Motion

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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.....THIS WEEK.....

Mon. Nov. 7

- PTO Meeting 9:30AM at Rugby's Too
- Begin 2ndQuarter

Thur. Nov 10:

- Matthew's last day :(
- 1/2 day for Parent Teacher Conferences (11:30 dismissal)

Fri. Nov. 11 Veterans Day – off
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.....FOLLOWING WEEKS.....

Mon-Tue Nov. 14-15 No school— parent teacher conferences

Wed. Nov. 16 Hedgehog Hangout

Thu. Nov. 24

- Jack & the Beanstalk starring our very own Max Blake 7:30 PM at Hockwold Village Hall
- Thanksgiving Holiday— off

Fri. Nov. 25

- Jack & the Beanstalk starring our very own Max 7:30
- Friday Recess— off

Sat. Nov. 26

- Jack & the Beanstalk matinee at 2:00 PM

What a fun Halloween party we had!
Thank you, Mrs. Slick,
and all the parents who helped out!

