

Griffis Superstar Studio

4/5 Multiage

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

Week of Oct. 17th, 2011

WEEKLY FEATURES



MATH

Morning Mountain Math: New Schedule: Mon- #1a-11/ Tue- #2-8/ Wed- #9a-14/ Thur- #15-18/ Fri- #19-24

- **Envision Math:** Starting our unit on long division
- **Quick Quizzes:** New: Equivalent Fractions

READING



• **Monthly Book Pick:** New: Mr. Popper's Penguins. We will read the first 5 chapters together in 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.

• **Procrastination:** Parents, please make sure your child is reading Mr. Popper's Penguins before starting other books. This past month quite a few students procrastinated with Esperanza Rising, and I decided to give them an extra week (this week), but I don't want this to happen this month.

• **Flexible Reading Groups** Students will continue to participate in flexible reading groups.

• **Book Reviews** Each time students finish a book, they are to complete a Book Review.

• **Fluency Checks** (continued) Students will be checked for reading fluency

• **Mini Lessons** Various Reading Strategies and Skills

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



• **Polishing & Publishing Week!** Every other week we will be polishing and publishing one of the paragraphs we completed previously. This week we will making books based on the Unexpected Fairy Tale Finales that we wrote 2 weeks ago. This may take us more than one week, but we will see how it goes. When finished, we will read them to our 2nd Grade Pals in Mrs. Floyd's class and to other lower grade classes. We will also display our Recipes for Life on the hallway walls for all to enjoy!

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. Oct. 31 Halloween/ Fall Fun with Mrs. Slick, Olivia's mom starting at 1:30 in our classroom

Thu. Nov. 3 End of 1st Quarter

Wed. Fri. Nov. 4 No school for students— teacher work day

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.....FOLLOWING WEEKS.....

Mon. Nov. 7

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

Thu. Nov 10:

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

Fri. Nov. 11 Veterans Day— off

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



Mrs. Griffis's Classroom T-shirts Order Form

(Short sleeved bright yellow t-shirt with black print on front, back, and one sleeve (see designs))

Front

Back

Sleeve (reduced in size)



Order Your Superstar T-shirt

Student's Name _____

Please write the number of t-shirts next to the size

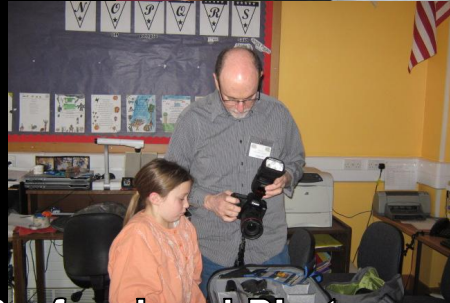
Small _____ Medium _____ XL _____

Adult _____ L _____ XL _____ 2X _____ (Adults can order one too!)

Total # of t-shirts _____ X \$11.25 = _____

Please fill out this form and include it with the *exact amount* in an envelope or baggy.

A VIP VISIT FROM A...



Professional Photographer (Abbie's Grandpa)

Superstar Cast of the American Explorers Play



Great job Griffis Superstars!