

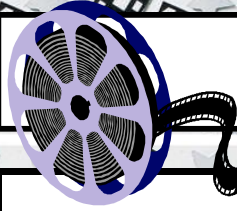


Griffis Superstar Studio

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

Week of Sep. 19, 2011



WEEKLY FEATURES

MATH

Mountain Math: Review of skills #1-8
Envision Math: Decimal Place Value, Comparing and Ordering Decimals, Looking for a Pattern, Mental Math
Number Talks : Doubles/ Near Doubles

READING

- **Trade Book: Frindle:** Students should be finishing up reading Frindle. The Reading Counts evaluation needs to be taken by Friday, Sep. 30th.
- **Individual Reading Levels:** Students will read books from their Reading Counts book list and take evaluations when they finish.
- **Comprehension Mini Lessons:** Plot
- **Weekly Reading Cards:** Read 120 min. each week (Handed out on Monday and due the following Monday)
- **Monthly Book Pick:** Frindle (Evaluation– week of Sep. 26th)

GRAMMAR/ EDITING

This Week's Grammar Skills: *New paragraphs, abbreviations, homophone (their), comma (appositive, interruptive), capitalize English, question sentence, capitalize proper nouns, and quotes*

VOCAB.

baffled, apparition, blurted, weird, responded, (science) displacement

WRITING

- **Narrative Writing:** "Dream Jobs" (Final Stages)
- **Journal Writing:** free writing with boundaries

UPPER GRADE PHONICS

Skill: Spelling Words with Two or More Patterns
 Examples: flight, spite, plight, ignite, dynamite, eyesight, trite, quite, and more.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Early Explorers: "Odd Man Out" Trade Simulation & Early Explorers Play

SCIENCE

Scientific Investigation: "A Displaced Object" Students will use the water displacement method for finding the volume of irregularly-shaped objects by observing, collecting and recording data, interpreting data, generalizing, and applying information.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



- Tue. Sep 20 School & Family Pictures (our class 8:55-9:00)
- Wed. Sep. 21 Hedgehog Hangout (5th grade– 12:30)
- Fri. Sep 23 1/2 day early release for teacher training
- Wed. Sep. 28: Wacky Wednesday: Crazy Hair Day
- Thu. Sep. 29 Early Release for required teacher training (11:30)
- Fri. Sep. 30 Last day to take Reading Counts evaluation on Frindle
- Mon. Oct 10 Columbus Day Holiday– off
- Thu. Nov. 3 End of First Quarter
- Fri. Nov. 4 No school for students– teacher work day
- Mon. Nov. 7 Begin Second Quarter
- Fri. Nov. 11 Veterans Day– off
- Mon-Wed Nov. 14-16 No school– parent teacher conferences
- Thu. Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Holiday– off
- Fri. Nov. 25 Friday Recess– off

Our 1st Play: "The Discovery of the Americas"

Our first play will be about early American Explorers entitled, "The Discovery of the Americas." Every child will have a part, and no one's part should be too long. Parts will be given out by this Friday so students can start practicing. I'm expecting students to perform using fluency, expression, and loud voices, and I'd also like students to have a costume of some sort to identify their characters. Don't feel you have to go out and buy things for costumes because, if needed, we will make hats and other parts of the costumes with paper or other supplies I can find. Please let me know if you have any ideas or if you are having difficulties with ideas. The play should take place in about 3 weeks or so, but I will keep you in touch with our finalized date when I feel confident we're ready. Parents are invited to our final production, and we will also invite a class or two of younger students to enjoy our play. It should be lots of fun!



National Anthem Day



Thanks to
Mrs. Brobst for
organizing this!



Every class
joined in to sing
the National
Anthem in the
morning!
Very touching!

