

Griffis Superstar Studio

4/5 Multiage

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

Week of Sep. 26, 2011



WEEKLY FEATURES

MATH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mountain Math: Review of skills. Given out on Monday; due following Monday. • Envision Math: Adding and Subtracting Large Numbers, Adding Decimals, Subtracting Decimals, Multiplication Properties • Number Talks: Multiplication Strategies • Quick Quizzes: Students are responsible for knowing 1's though 12's. There's plenty of practice on the website. For those who know all these facts, they will be promoted to "Math Masters" and will take the same kind of test but will be two digit by 1 digit multiplication.
READING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly Book Pick: Frindle (Students should be finished reading Frindle. The Reading Counts evaluation needs to be taken by THIS FRIDAY, Sep. 30th.) • Weekly Reading Comprehension Strategies/Booklet: Students will be given a booklet this week with short stories for each day. Some we will read together as a class, some the teacher will read to the class, and others, students will read independently. We will discuss a variety of comprehension strategies to help locate answers. After every story the students will have comprehension questions to answer. • Reading Counts: Students will have time most every day to read silently and take Reading Counts Comprehension Tests on the computer. • Home Reading: Weekly Reading Cards are given out on Monday and due the following Monday. Students are required to read 120 min. each week.
GRAMMAR/ EDITING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caught 'Ya Grammar: New paragraph, quotations, homophone (here), capitalize I, capitalize beginning of a quote, use commas in introductory prepositional phrase • Caught 'Ya in All Subjects! Don't let Mrs. Griffis catch you! Students making mistakes in grammar, spelling, or punctuation that have been covered will have points taken off no matter what subject is being graded. In addition, I expect students to write in complete sentences at all times!! (Never answer a question with "because" or write a sentence without subjects!)
VOCAB.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caught 'Ya Vocabulary: <i>responded, piping, diminutive, statement, unison</i>
WRITING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly Paragraph Publication: "Character Sketch" (See back & attached)
5th GRADE PHONICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skill: Applying Strategies Before & After Writing and Reading • "Guess the Covered Word" will help students cross check meaning, word length, and all the beginning letters up to the vowel to figure out words.
SOCIAL STUDIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Explorers Play: Students have been given their parts for the play. We will try and practice as much as possible in class, but students are also responsible for practicing at home. • Memorizing Parts: Students should memorize parts using fluency and expression. • Props: Depending on their parts, some will need props. We will all work together on this. • Costumes: Students should also be thinking about a costume they wear for the performance. If they can't find a costume, I will work with them to find one.
SCIENCE	<p>Scientific Investigation: "A Displaced Object" (continued) 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.</p>



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Fri. Sep 23 Early release for required teacher training (11:30)

Wed. Sep. 28:

- Wacky Wednesday: "Crazy Hair Day"
- **Bi-Weekly Learning Stations** 10-11:30 (Parents are welcome to come join us!)

Fri. Sep. 30 Last day to take Reading Counts evaluation on *Frindle*

Mon. Oct 10 Off- Columbus Day Holiday

Mon. Oct 17 Book Fair

Thu. Nov. 3 End of 1st Quarter

Fri. Nov. 4 No school for students- teacher work day

Mon. Nov. 7 Begin 2nd 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



**Weekly Paragraph
Publication**
(attached)

Topic: "Character Sketch"

Monday: Prewrite
Tuesday: Rough Draft
Wednesday: Revise & Edit
Thursday: Final Draft
Friday: Turn It In

Note: Any work not finished in class will be due for homework.



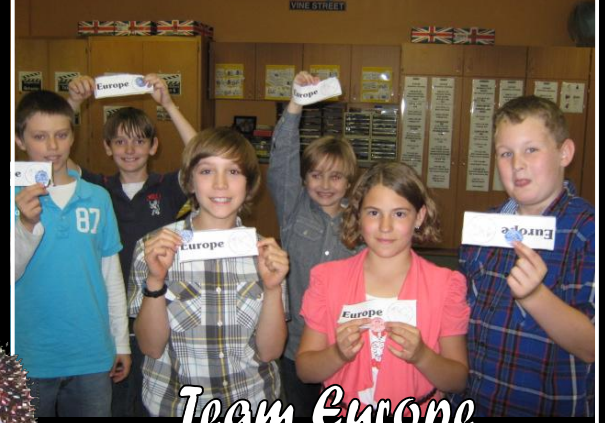
**Bi-Weekly
Learning
Centers**

This Wednesday

From 10:00-11:30

**Parents are welcome to
join us!**

"Odd Man Out"



Team Europe



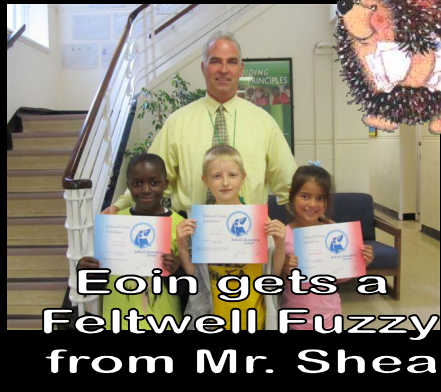
Team Asia



Team Italy

We reviewed information from our explorer's play and social studies textbook as we played "Odd Man Out" to review the Age of Discovery.

**Hedgehog
Hangout**



**Eoin gets a
Feltwell Fuzzy
from Mr. Shea**



Growing * Sharing * Learning