

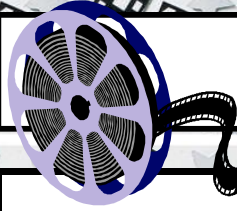


Griffis Superstar Studio

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

Week of Sep. 5, 2011



WEEKLY FEATURES

MATH

Comparing and Ordering Whole Numbers & Decimals, Looking for a Pattern

READING

- **Frindle**, Plot & Character (We read the story last week but will continue with skills this week)
- 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

- "Caught Ya!" Daily Grammar Editing
- Apostrophes in a contraction *Commas (extra information) *Commas (2 adjectives, series) *No comma for color adj., *Do not start sentence with a conjunction *No comma for color adj.

WRITING

- Journaling & Editing

FIFTH GRADE PHONICS

Instead of traditional spelling, I will be teaching students strategies for spelling words using a phonics-based program for upper grades. This week we will focus on *High Frequency, Commonly Misspelled Words*: **because, friends, have, laugh, off, people, said, they, until, want** (I expect students to write these words correctly in ALL areas- points will be taken away for incorrect spelling to reinforce these words)

VOCAB.

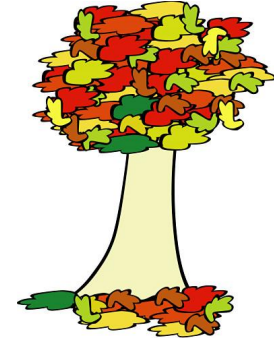
portal, azure, swirling, sported, interrupt (social studies) **artifacts**

SOCIAL STUDIES

Students will participate in an **Artifact** Inquiry Simulation & learn about the Cohokia Mounds in Illinois, which will begin our study of Pre-Columbian US History.

SCIENCE

We will continue our study of Scientific Inquiry and Reasoning with the activity "Personal Traits Dichotomy."



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Mon. Aug. 29 WELCOME BACK!

Mon. Sep. 5 Off-Labor Day Holiday

Mon. Sep 12 FES Open House
5:00-5:30 in the gym
5:30-6:00 Session 1
6:00-6:30 Session 2
(Please sign up for the PTO!)

Tue. Sep 20 School & Family Pictures

Wed. Sep. 21 Hedgehog Hang-out (5th grade- 12:30)

Mon. Sep. 26: Book Pick Evaluation on Frindle

Wed. Sep. 28: Wacky Wednesday: Crazy Hair Day

Thu. Sep. 29 Early Release for required teacher training (11:30)

Mon. Oct 10 Off- Columbus Day Holiday

SUPERSTAR DIRECTORY

On Monday I will send home the Superstar Phone Directory which will include phone numbers and email addresses of students in our class. This is for our families only, so please do not share with others.

CLASSROOM PHOTOS

I have uploaded new classroom photos on our website. Be sure and check them out.

PHOTO UPLOAD

If you have any photos from your summer/ vacation that you'd like for us to add on our soon-to-be "Vacation Photos", you can upload them from the "Photo" tab. Also, this is a great place to send photos that you took while in our classroom during special events.

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GRADESPEED

Please be sure and sign up for Grade Speed. Go to "Parents' Place" & you will find the link.

DAILY RECAP

If you'd like to find out what's been going on in our classroom, go to "Daily Recap" on our classroom webpage. Even better than that, though, ask your child to tell you what he/she learned each day!

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

On Friday I sent home a Parent Questionnaire. This will help me know your child even better and make me aware of any questions you have. Please fill this out and return by Friday, September 9th.