

# MRS. MACDONALD'S INTERMEDIATE CLASSROOM

## Another Fast Week



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### Important Items

October 12– Picture Day

October 26—Conferences  
(Sign-up sheets will be in the lobby October 15th– 19th)

October 31st Parade and party (anyone interested in planning something special for the class, please let me know)

November 15– we will visit Ohio Caverns

### **Homework:**

**Monday**

**Reading Assignment**

**Tuesday:**

**Bring in a graph to share, look in newspapers, cereal boxes, or magazines.**

**Wednesday:**

**Your choice– practice something for 20 minutes be prepared to tell me what you did for homework.**

**Thursday: Spelling words– practice for test on Friday.**

Our first Immersion Week was fantastic. Students worked throughout the week on themed activities. We tried our hand at carving the faces of Mount Rushmore. It wasn't as easy as it looked... and we only tried Styrofoam, not rock. We worked on our scrapbooks and lapbooks– exploring the Western Region of the United States. This region is the most diverse in climate (Alaska being so cold and Hawaii being so warm). We worked on comparing the largest cities in the different regions and came to the conclusion that water plays a major role in the amount of people a city may attract. We will finalize our work on the regions this week on Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday Scrapbooks and Lapbooks will be completed and turned in for a grade. A final written piece will be completed on Wednesday summarizing what was learned in this unit of study.

We will continue learning about states and regions throughout the year. We will continue to collect postcards from the various regions. Students will be working on a state report after the new year on their chosen state.

Last week:

- We learned about the comparative size of Alaska to the United States
- We learned about the pony express and its importance in getting information across the United States
- We learned about the TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD and how it linked the east and west.
- We learned about the Louisiana Purchase, Lewis and Clark, Sacagawea and the bravery of the exploration
- We learned about The Grand Canyon, Denali National Park in Alaska, the volcanoes of Hawaii and Yellowstone National Park
- We saw a miniature horse, learned about the bridle and bit
- We had pony express relays, learned to toss horseshoes and how to square dance.

This coming week:

- We will finalize our study of the regions, and begin our study of nocturnal animals, rocks and caverns
- We will begin a unit of study on graphing
- We will review synonyms, antonyms and learn the rules of plurals.