

Mrs. M^acDonald's Intermediate Classroom

Interesting Weather



I never guessed that last week would be a two day week. We worked on our Economy Unit and products. Students are doing a great job. They are learning about cooperation, advertising, a line of credit, and hard work. The younger students are very excited to participate in our shop on Wednesday.

Dylan's grandmother came to school to share quill writing with the class in honor of Presidents' Day. It was a wonderful experience and the class did a great job cutting their feather, dipping it in the ink and creating some great writing with the quill pen.

Mrs. Denney- our music teacher for the coming weeks, introduced recorders to the class. Everyone brought one home. I labeled them with their names so that they would not get confused. These will need to be returned to school on Thursday to be use in music class.

Wednesday- students will be participating in the sale of their products. The K-2 students will be coming to our class to spend their hard earned money on magnets, keychains, hair ties, notepads, note cards, bookmarks and more.

Thursday- Students will be writing about their experiences in the Economy unit. They will be telling me what they learned by this exercise. They will tell me what went well and what they think didn't go so well. We will have Spanish and Music on Thursday. We are NOT going on the Jungle Jim Field trip. Students will watch a movie called **Blank Check** . It is about a boy that gets a blank check and goes on a spending spree. We will discuss what the consequences of his actions.

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IMPORTANT Dates:

- Economy Shop February 27-28
- Report cards come home March 3,
- GALA is March 15th
- IOWA Testing is March 11-14, please try not to schedule appointments for this week, especially mornings.

Homework for the week:

No spelling or wordly wise this week. Resumes next week.

Monday- Students will be selecting a "Book in a Series" to be writing about. This is their next genre to study. Everyone will be expected to read two books in a series...like boxcar kids, Nancy Drew, Hardy Boys, Michigan Chillers, Geronimo Stilton...you have the idea

Tuesday- Finalize products if you need to.

Wednesday- Study math facts

Thursday- no homework

On another note, this is a difficult letter for me to write, and I hope that you will understand that **I do not want anyone to talk about it with me in the next two days.** PLEASE!
(This just makes me emotional and I would rather laugh with the class than cry.)

In the end of January, I was having some strong pain in my side and went to the doctor. They discovered that I had three cysts and said that they needed to be removed. I scheduled the surgery for March 21st, (this being the start of spring break). The doctor didn't think I would make it until then, but I believed that I could just tough out the pain. Well, he was right...on Friday, I made the decision that I needed to go in earlier. I asked for this coming Friday so that I could help the class through the Economy Unit, but he scheduled it for this Wednesday. Unfortunately, I will miss the Economy Unit and may need to reschedule conferences as well.

Mrs. Cathy Dubble will be subbing for me. She is an experienced, retired teacher from the Cincinnati area. (She currently lives in Springboro.)

I have worked all weekend getting things ready for her, so that the transition for your children will be as easy as possible. They will be finishing up the Economy Unit this coming week, and next week they will be working on a guided reading of Frindle, a math unit on geometry, and symmetry, and beginning a unit on plants. They will continue to work in the Wordly Wise book on unit 10.

I will be at school Monday and half of Tuesday. Mrs. Dubble will be introduced to the class and she will see how we work together. She will be there the remainder of the week and next week as well.

I will have the surgery on Wed and get home some time on Thursday. I would like to ask you to have the kids at some point email me to catch me up on how the Economy sale went and how things are going at school.

Please talk to your children on Tuesday about how important it is to me for them to be on their best behavior for the sub.

Thanks for your understanding in this matter.

Lauren MacDonald