

Newsletter 25

Mrs. MacDonalds Intermediate Class

March 1, 2009

I cannot believe that it is March already. Here is what we have been up to:

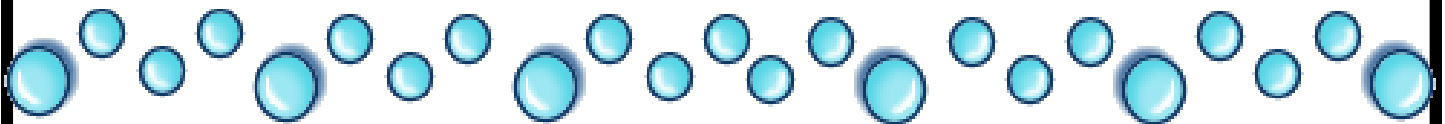
- We worked on Legacy Project writing and I spent every evening uploading pictures to the Shutterfly website...I still have many more evenings ahead of me. The books are coming along and we will continue to work on them this week. Thank you for sending in all the photos and interviews.
- We worked on fraction activities to reinforce numerators and denominators, to add only the numerator of like fractions, to make equivalent fractions. We worked on ordering and comparing fractions, and multiplying and dividing fractions. We will continue to work on reinforcing activities to build fraction skills.
- We finished the book the Time Bike, many students asked if there was a sequel to this book. It was an interesting book that was written in a very descriptive fashion. The author, ironically, used many of our Wordly Wise words in her writing.
- We worked on Ohio history and Geography. We reviewed the compass rose, a map key, a map scale, longitude and latitude and coordinates.
- We reinforced several skills this week with the NEWSPAPER IN EDUCATION. Students read and discussed the story about a local boy accused of stealing cookies and the school's consequence of no wrestling tournament for him.... It was interesting to hear their opinions on this story. They also read a great story about sportsmanship. We continue to read and discuss the story The Lost Fairy Tale. A chapter of this story is found each Wednesday in the newspaper.
- We used the newspaper this week to reinforce following directions, using information to answer a question, determining mode and range from the data presented, and changing predicted highs and lows to Roman Numerals. Sheets with this week's work from the newspaper were sent home in the Friday folder.



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Important Dates

- IOWA Basic Skills testing the week of March 9th—eat a healthy breakfast and get plenty of rest.
- Gala on March 14th—think about bidding on our classroom basket... a rug we braided during our colonial study , matching pillows, a blanket and special photograph. Or— bid on dinner and a movie at my house for your child and three friends. This year it was hosted on Halloween and it was a haunting good time!
- Sweet Dreams Pillow also up for bid



This Week - March 2-6

- This week students will be working on guided reading questions about the book eggs by Jerry Spinelli (it is written lowercase on the book cover). It is an odd book, but it is very well written and has a wonderful message.
- We will be working on Wordly Wise Unit 9
- We will be working on test taking skills– making the best choice, eliminating bad choices, and reading through all the answers before deciding. Students will have plenty of time to complete each section of the test. I will encourage them to slow down and make the best choice. TOO MANY STUDENTS have been handing in math work that they are not careful with the sign.
- We will be working on persuasive writing and discussing the difference between this type of writing and a narrative.
- We will review multiplication with double digits, division with a 3 digit divisor and work on area.
- We will begin work on the Human Body– students will be taking notes on the information we will be discussing and will use these notes to help them with a test on the human body.

Homework for the week:

Monday:

Review wordly wise words... make fractions out of the words and simplify the fractions. Vowels will be the numerator and consonants will be the denominator.

For example: coffee would be the fraction $\frac{3}{6}$ which = $\frac{1}{2}$ Write the word, the fraction and the simplified fraction on a sheet of paper. Return it on Tuesday for Mustang Money.

Tuesday: Take home today's weather section. Write down three questions for someone else in the class to answer also make an answer sheet. Return the weather section, your questions and your separate answer sheet to school on Wednesday for Mustang Money.

Wednesday: Choice Homework– this seemed to be a success last week with students practicing with games and a variety of other activities that focused on what they needed to work on or wanted to work on....please bring a note stating what was done to earn a mustang money.

Thursday: Study Unit 9 in Wordly Wise for a test tomorrow. The website can really help review these words.