



From the Desk of Mrs. Powell

November 2-6, 2009

Tests & Quizzes

Powell's Paw Prints

What's Happening this Week?

Math: We'll finish Chapter 7- Understanding Time tomorrow. We continue working on telling time to the minute, identifying A.M and P.M., elapse time, how to use a schedule, and a calendar to determine lapse time, and using a time line to determine a sequence of events. We will test on this chapter Wednesday.

Also, your child will be learning how to understand multiplication by learning that multiplication is repeated addition. We will also be learning to understand multiplication in different ways by making an array with rows and columns, skip counting and highlighting each multiple on a hundreds chart, and using a number line. We will review 0's, 1's, and 2's, and we'll focus on multiplying by 5 and 10. I will also combine AMSTI lessons with the math book. During the process of learning multiplication, I will be using many different resources along with the math workbook. Please encourage your child to study the multiplication flashcards nightly once a set is complete.

Reading Workshop: We'll continue with questioning and comparing and contrasting as we read. We'll be differentiating b/t large global questions & smaller clarification questions in a content area, asking "Thick" and "Thin" questions, and using question webs to expand our thinking. We will pull in social studies by asking and researching the question, "How do humans alter the physical environment?" Our skill for the week will be identifying main idea and supporting details in text. We will be read-

ing from National Geographic, EPSCO articles, and leveled books to reinforce these strategies.

Vocabulary: Our words will come from the book Stellaluna. Vocabulary words are: *confuse, curious, embarrassed, survive, escape, startle, gasp, tremble, swoop, clutch, anxious, and clumsy.*

We will have this vocabulary test **Thursday, November 5th.**

Phonics/Spelling: This week's focus is spelling words with the short and long i sound spelled *i, y, igh, and uy.*

Writing Workshop: We'll continue writing narratives. We'll continue completing a "Quick Sketch Story" which will help students visualize their stories, using story transitions, and coming to a smooth stop to finish the story.

Science: We will begin investigating earth materials this week. Your child will observe and describe the physical properties of mock rocks by using measuring tools to gather data about mock rocks, observe that rocks can be broken down into different ingredients called minerals, and observe that some ingredients dissolve in water. We'll record and compare observations about mock rocks and compare our studies to a geologist.

Math:

Timed addition test Daily
(2 min. for 25 problems.)
Chapter 7- Understanding Time Wed.

Reading:

Comprehension taken daily through guided reading with leveled books and EBSCO. Daily

Vocabulary:

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Buddy Spelling:

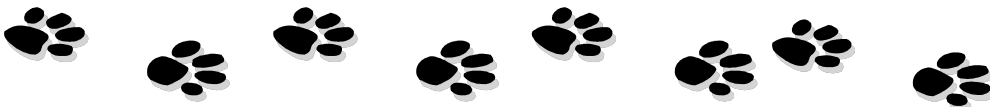
Buddy Test Thurs.
Test

Science:

Earth Materials- Lab and Notebook Daily
Grades.

Grammar:

DOL: Week 12 Fri.



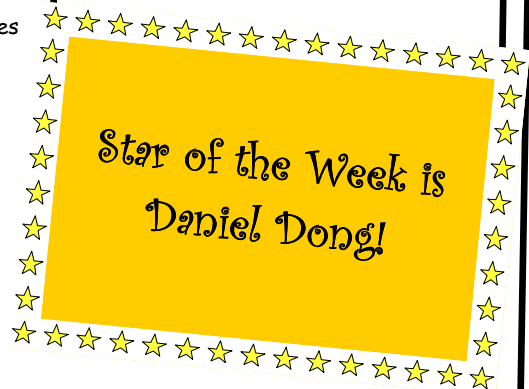
Other News....

Cats for Christ: Tuesday, November 3rd, at 7:30 a.m. in the Media Center.

End of Grading Period: Friday marked the end of the 1st Grading Period. Report Cards are to be issued today, Nov. 2, prior to the afternoon assembly.

Raffle Tickets: Students were given 3 tickets to sell at \$2 each a couple of weeks ago. Coach Bowling and Mrs. Pendley would like to use the money to replace a few things, but mostly for field day so that students will not have to pay for field day. Please remember to turn this in to Coach Bowling or Mrs. Pendley ASAP.

Red Cross: Student Council is sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive Tuesday, November 3, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Star of the Week is
Daniel Dong!

Hope you all have a wonderful week! Tamika Powell :)