



Mrs. Christ's Message	<p>Land Ho mateys, thar be Books Ahoy! This Friday, at LCH the entire school, K-6 will be setting sail and embarking on a six-week mind adventurous sea voyage through a "Sea of Books". The Books Ahoy recreational reading challenge focuses on supporting students to become strong, independent, and confident readers.</p> <p>Our goal is to instill a love for reading and the value of reading a variety of texts: books, magazines, newspaper articles, research on the internet, and much more. Please encourage your child to chart their nightly reading time in their "book pirate log" and set a good example as leaders of our school for the primary grade students. Children who develop a meaningful interest in reading continue to enhance their reading and writing skills and further develop a vivid imagination to increase their innovative, creative thinking skills.</p> <p>It is my goal that each and every student in my class meets or exceeds the goal of 500 minutes over the next five weeks. I too will be taking the challenge and charting my reading time at home. Thanks for your help and support with developing a community of life-long readers.</p> <p>NOTE: Beginning on Wednesday, my students will be participating in a math pilot program for the next 12 weeks. Our district is piloting new math curriculum to adopt next year. In order to determine and identify the most effective curriculum that is aligned with both state and district standards, and provides the most comprehensive math program for our students at LCH, I will be guiding my students to explore textbooks from two different publishers: Houghton Mifflin and Scott Foresman-Addison Wesley. As a result, your child will begin working with a new homework workbook on Wednesday night. Please take a few moments to peruse the curriculum and familiarize yourself with the new format to help your child with homework. Thanks again for your support.</p>
Important Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCH's reading program, "Books Ahoy!" January 11th – February 22nd • LCH's reading program, "Books Ahoy!" January 16th – February 22nd • No School, Monday, January 19th Martin Luther King Junior's Birthday is observed. • LCH's Scholastic Book Fair, February 2nd – 6th • President's Day observed February 13th & February 16th, No School Friday and Monday! • Field Trip to the Birch Aquarium for exploration and squid dissection: Feb. 4th, \$8.00 per child.
Language Arts/ Reading/ Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Theme 3: Story Title:</u> "Katie's Trunk" by Ann Turner, <u>Genre:</u> Historical Fiction • <u>Instructional Concepts:</u> Summarizing, comprehension skill: cause & effect, structural analysis: spelling: vccv & vcv patterns, spelling/pronunciation key (dictionary skills) critical thinking & discussion, grammar: verb phrases & differences of sit/set, lay/ lie, rise/raise, etc, vocabulary development: syllabication, & written response: character sketch. • Literature Circle Novels: • Group #1: <i>The Wanderer</i> Group #2: <i>Here Lies the Librarian</i> Group #3: <i>The Secret School</i>
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Ch.16: Graphs and Statistics:</u> Goals of the chapter: promote mastery of data interpretation, and the use of range, mode, median, and mean. Organize, display, and read line taking note of the scale and analyze the meaning of the data. • Math 24, Math Tiles, and Sudoku • Chapter 7 math assessment is on Tuesday, kids will study using the Study Guide provided in the homework packet on Monday night to prepare.
Science, Social Studies & Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science: Classifying Living Things: One way scientists classify living things is by basic body structures, such as backbones for animals or tubes for plants. Plants & their Adaptations: Students will learn that plants have a variety of structures and how these structures interact to help plants carry out life processes (function), and how plants make food.
P.E.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skill building, running & games
Kudos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leslie Saldana for volunteering to be our Books Ahoy volunteer! Way to get into the spirit of reading. • My students for a productive and enjoyable week back after winter break.
Star	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This week I am pleased to announce that Emily Gamboa was our shining star last week. Her positive character traits are noteworthy for putting forth extra effort to improve in all academic areas and become an active class participant. I am so proud of her efforts to become more self-confident as a learner, way to go!