

August 22nd, 2016

Hello Parents,

I hope everyone is doing well! We are now beginning our 7th week of school, which means we are 3 weeks away from the end of 1st Quarter and our first track out! We have made a lot of progress since the beginning of the year and it has been so fun watching your students learn and grow.

What We Are Learning?

Math – We have already started learning different methods for multiplication. If you ever need to see how we do it in class or give your student a review there is a video from August 18th on the blog page of my website. Students should pick the method that works best for them and stick to it!

Reading/ELA – In Reading we are learning about how to find the main idea of an informational text. This can seem like a simple task but for 9 and 10 year olds it can be a hard concept to summarize everything you just read into one phrase or sentence and form a main idea. That is why we will also continue to work on summarizing. We will continue to work on quotations and commas in ELA. We will work on implementing that into our writing – imaginative narratives.

Science – We finished our Animals Studies unit last week. ALL students made growth between their pre and post-test which is great news! It was a tricky test but I was proud of them.

Social Studies – We have started our unit on the Geography and Culture of North Carolina. So far we have looked at the Coastal Plane and we will learn about the Piedmont Region this week. Remember your students have a project to work on at home for this unit.

Important Announcements!

Make sure you are connected to your student's journal on Seesaw. Several students still don't have parents connected to your journal. It is really cool for them to see you "like" their work or see that you commented on their work. Also, you won't be up to date on what grades they are getting if you aren't connected! Contact me if you need me to re-invite you to join!

Remember that many of you have scheduled 1st Quarter conferences with your student and me. If you haven't, you can still sign up on the SignUpGenius. I ask you sign up for a slot that is more than 24 hours away so I can adjust my schedule if needed. Your students have put in a lot of time and thought into what they will do when you come and I am excited to see how it goes!