5th Grade News

Important Information

Report Cards: Second trimester report cards will be posted on Family Access after 5:00 pm next Friday, March 18. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Long-Term Substitute: Earlier this week, I sent out an email explaining that Megan Calamaras will take over for me for the last weeks of school. My last day will theoretically be May 4. Mrs. Calamaras will be here from May 5 to the end of the year. I plan to come back to visit the class with new baby boy, as well as attend our Cast Off ceremony. If you would like to meet Mrs. Calamaras, she will be here after school on April 7. Please feel free to drop between 2:55 and 3:20.

Science Fair: My check-ins with Science Fair projects are done. I am happy to help kids as they carry out investigations and work on their display boards, but nothing else is due until March 30. This is the day boards need to be brought to the Gym after school. The Science Fair showing is on March 31.

Fifth Grade Service Project: Blankets for the Linus Project will be made Tuesday, March 15. A huge thank you goes to Dafna Tarlowe and Michelle Lyman from our class for organizing and leading this project!!

Beaver Lake Visit: We will be taking our 5th graders to Beaver Lake Middle School for a quick visit on the morning of March 16. Students will take a tour of the school, hear about electives, and have a small taste of middle school life. You are invited to attend a Parent Night at the middle school the night before, March 15. I highly encourage you to attend this informational presentation in order to learn more about middle school and 6th grade, specifically. Even if you have had an older child attend Beaver Lake, I can tell you that a lot has changed even in the past two years – might be worth your time.

March Book Review: Students need to read any fiction genre this month and write a book review essay (just like September, October, December, January directions). It is due 3/31.

Thank You: Thank you to Jaime Foreman, Lauri Kinna, and Dafna Tarlowe for helping in our classroom this week! Thank you to Michelle Lyman for being our Guest Reader!
Curriculum Notes

Reading: This week we continued our genre study of folktales. We have looked specifically at the characteristics of myths and legends. Students also practiced and presented fairy tale and fable poems to the class as a way to practice fluency.

Science: We continued our study of flowering plants. We learned about the anatomy of all flowering plants and how these plants reproduce. Teams are conducting plant investigations in our classroom. Teams have decided to test the variables of light, temperature, liquid, and fertilizer. We also conducted some flower dissections in order to explore real-life examples of the plant anatomy we learned about.

Math: Students are in the midst of a fractions unit. Key skills are adding and subtracting mixed numbers and fractions.

Writing: In writing workshop, we continued our work with argument writing. Students completed their third essay about one of three researched topics: homework, research, school uniforms. This essay was written with more independence in terms of research responsibility. Students were given a set of nonfiction texts to use as the basis of research for forming their claim statements and evidence for their papers.

Art: We finished our “Blue Dog” projects with Mrs. Schaffer this week. Look for these mixed media projects to be hanging up at school soon.

Important Dates
March 7, 11, 15, 18…Cartooniversity
March 15…5th Grade Service Project
March 16…AM Visit to Beaver Lake Middle School
March 30…Drop off Science Fair Projects
March 31…Science Fair; March Book Review Due

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