



Multi Age Memos

Upcoming Events:

Valentine's Party	February 14 at 2:30
Conferences	February 21-23
5th grade Symphony Trip	February 23
4th Grade Field Trip	March 4
Book Fair	Feb 28-March 4
Science Fair	April 21

Week of: Feb. 14-18

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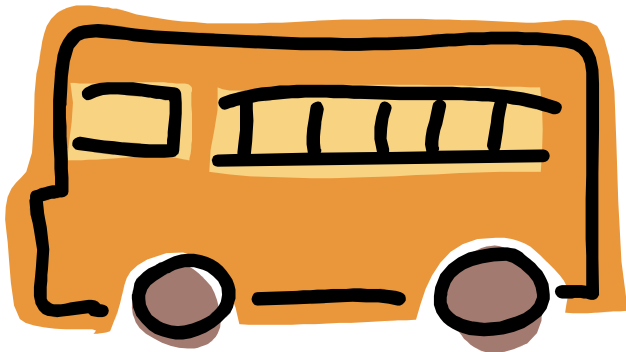
Team Time

Due to a cancellation of Team Time last week, we tried again to call each other's bluff this week as we played *Two Truths and a Lie*.

4th Grader to Lansing:

The annual excursion to Lansing is just around the corner! More information will be handed out at conferences but here are the basics:

- Who: 4th grade student and 10 parent volunteers
- What: Lansing Field Trip
- When: March 4th from 10:45 am to 6:45 pm
- Where: State Capitol Tour, Historical Museum, and Impressions 5 Science Museum
- How: \$16.00 per student



Science Fair

Packets have gone home for this year's Science Fair. Please look over the information with your child. Science Fair boards are available in the office for \$2.

We're able to take 10 parents on this trip. The Capitol is very specific about this number and we regret that we cannot take any more than that. Please let me know by February 18th if you're interested in chaperoning. We will do a drawing if more than 10 parents are interested.

Academic Updates

3rd Grade

ELA: We have been busy reading, reading and reading. Each student has set a goal of how many books they want to read this month and how many they would like to finish this year. Please ask your child what their goal is and how close they are to achieving it. In addition to this we worked very hard on Publishing our Poetry this week and are ready to jump into writing fiction.

Social Studies: The economy is still our focus as we begin to learn about Michigan's Economy Today.

Math: We're still working hard on our multiplication and division facts, but we're getting ready to move on to area and perimeter work as well. As we enter this testing cycle, there will be little or no homework. I anticipate the final test being during the week of conferences.

Science: We played catch up in science this week and discussed the uses of Earth Materials. Next week, we will build a brick out of earth materials and discuss the uses of our land.

4th Grade

ELA: Keep on reading! We're jumping back into the hard work of becoming better readers this week by spending lots of time working on our reading skills. Our comprehension skill this week will be to summarize and retell the story. This also involves using sequencing skills. Final drafts of our fiction pieces should be finished and turned in shortly. We will be publishing these stories in to a class book for realistic fiction pieces.

Social Studies: We're sad to be leaving the southeast's warm weather behind us, but it's time to head on up to the cooler temperatures of the Midwest! Students will examine the importance of the nations breadbasket to our nation's economy.

Math: We will begin Multi-Digit division next week in math. Three methods will be taught, with the kids choosing the one that best works best for their understanding. One of these methods will be the traditional way that you and I were taught, but it will be the last method we discuss. Thanks for your patience! :)

Science: After our Snow Day Catch Up, our Research Projects are really, truly done and this coming week we will jump into States of Matter.

5th Grade



ELA: We'll be back in the swing of things next week in ELA. We will study a selection entitled Goin' Someplace Special. We will especially look at character/setting, as well as, visualization. Grammar will take us to the world of pronouns during this next unit. In writing, our beginning work in writing on the persuasive essay is going well. Remember, 5 books at or near your child's lexile level will be due at the end of March.

Social Studies: In Social Studies today, we finally visited Colonial Williamsburg (rescheduled after last week's snow days). The kids took part in many role playing activities to get a feel for what colonial life really was like. We will spend more time next week in this study.

Math: We continue with measurement this week. Volume has been a tricky concept for us to master especially when asked to change the measurements. Please practice finding volume of objects at home ($V = \text{Base} \times \text{Width} \times \text{Height}$)

SAMPLE: A box is shaped like a rectangular prism. What happens to the volume of the box if you double the length of each edge of the box?

Science: Mystery solved! 3 Hermit Crabs are residing in room 54. We had concerns that 1 was missing, but he seems to have rejoined the bunch today. This was perfect timing for us to examine the physical and behavioral characteristics of these creatures. Over the course of the next week we'll be examining these critters closely.