



Multi Age Memos

Upcoming Events:

Conferences	February 21-23
5th grade Symphony Trip	February 23
No School	February 25
Dress like a Character from	
A book day	March 4
4th Grade Field Trip	March 4
Book Fair	Feb 28-March 4
Spring Break	April 1-10
Science Fair	April 21

Team Time

Yet again we tried to call each other's bluff this week as we played *Two Truths and a Lie*.

4th Grader to Lansing:

Permission slips have been sent home. As a reminder, please let me know ASAP if you're able to chaperone. We're only able to take 10 adults along with us. If we have over 10 interested parents, we'll do a drawing for slots. I'd like to have all forms and money collected on or before March 1st. Thanks!

Week of: Feb. 21-25

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PTA Carnival News

The PTA Carnival is March 25th, from 5:30-8:30. We will have advanced ticket sales the week prior to the carnival, please look for the envelope to come home. The PTA has many needs for helpers with some of the special projects. Please contact Diane Meinders at 616-837-1534, or dmeinders@glcomp.com, if you have some time to assist prior to carnival.

We will need "supervisors" the night of the carnival – helping with set-up, balloon inflating, and many other small needs. Please contact if you can help in anyway, even the smallest help is good! Please bring bags of small candy, starting in March. It takes a lot of candy!

We will have two non-crowded rooms for cake walk, and need a lot of cookies/cakes/cupcakes the day of carnival. We also are looking for a new person(s) to run the carnival for next year. Please think about participating in this great project.

Academic Updates

3rd Grade

ELA: Wow! In the past few weeks we have seen tremendous reading growth! Our stamina has increased, students are reading more books and passing tests left and right. Each student has set a reading goal, please ask your child what their goal is and how they plan to accomplish it. Please note that

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

Math: Students are doing really well assimilating their new multiplication knowledge. Extra practice at home on basic facts would help them with the coming units. Mrs. Heethuis will have more information about this at conferences.

Science: Our class made recipe for our sandstone brick worked wonderfully. Ask your child which earth materials we used to make it. :) Next week we will look at the uses of resources.



4th Grade

ELA: We're very impressed with the progress of our 4th graders! Our reading and writing skills are really coming along. We've noticed big gains in reading lexiles from the beginning of the year! As a result of the short week, students will have a shorter than usual amount of time to study spelling. I will try my best to get you the words on Friday.

Social Studies: We're enjoying our crop duster tour of the Midwest! We'll be coming up to Mall of America shortly!

Math: The teaching and learning of long division has officially begun! :) I've taken the kids through all 3 methods as of today. They will now be equipped to choose the method that they understand the best. Next week we will practice a lot and spend some time discussing the meaning of remainders.

Science: Our science fair will be on April 21st this year. All fourth graders are required to complete a science fair project and are invited to attend the Open House on April 21st. All projects must be complete and turned in by April 18th. The science fair packet is posted on our blog if you have any questions.

5th Grade

ELA: Due to our Symphony Field trip and our day off on the 25th, we'll be taking a break again from normal ELA instruction next week. I will give the kids some deep reading time and will conference with them to check on their comprehension, fluency, and pacing with the book they are reading.. We also will use the time to get caught up on our essay writing.

Social Studies: We've been busy with discussing and taking notes on the many Williamsburg sites we visited last Friday. A study sheet was given out yesterday and was due today. The test on this chapter will be on Tuesday, February 22.

Math: Now that our measurement unit is complete we will be jumping right into multiplication. Please look for a note coming home today explaining how we teach this unit.

Science: Students are working hard at identifying the difference between physical, behavioral, and learned traits. We've also been learning the role of genetic in some of our inherited traits.