

Mrs. Hartgraves' Fifth Grade Weekly Recap

Week of: April 4, 2016

District 300 is committed to helping students reach their potential as self-directed learners and responsible citizens.



Birthday's this Month
Rachel & Louis

Pledge Announcers:
Wendy, Nathan, & Leo

I hope everyone had a fantastic Spring Break! Hopefully you were relaxing somewhere in really nice weather.

This Friday we started our PARCC testing. In order to make sure your child does his/her best on their test please make sure they get a good night's sleep, and if possible eat a healthy breakfast. We have been discussing good test taking strategies, practicing how to take a test online, and I have reassured them that everything we have been doing this year has been purposeful. My hope is this will relieve test anxiety for them. I have told the students that they are allowed to chew gum if they bring it, however, sometimes it may be distracting. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Due to the short week next week, I will not be sending home a newsletter.

Thank you again for all that you do!

Content Covered This Week

Math

Unit 8: 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, 8.9

We are discussing area, perimeter, and volume in the Unit 8 lessons. The students do a whole group lesson with student leaders, and then get group practice with workbook pages. The students have an opportunity to work in groups given an activity card, which they solve with their partner, and then write in their math journal using mathtalk according to their math prompt. Continue to work on math facts!

Reading

Book: Science Book and Articles (non-fiction)

Big Idea: How is interdependence essential to maintaining life?

Idioms of the Week: Over the Moon & Joined at the Hip

Science

We are discussing ecology, ecosystems, biomes, and how organisms interact within a habitat. The students are taking Cornell notes, creating vocabulary cards, reading text and articles, watch informational videos, and utilizing hands on activities to develop understanding of the Science curriculum.

Writing- PARCC Practice, and Narrative Writing

We are practicing for the PARCC test that will be on the week of April 8th. We are discussing good test taking strategies, including evidence and explanation in their writing, and finding evidence to support their answers in the text. We have been practicing these skills all year long.

Specials Schedule



Music

C and E Day 11:35-12:05



Media

B Day 11:35- 12:05



PE (Bring gym shoes)

A and D Day 11:35-12:05

Mark Your Calendar

- April 8th- 22nd PARCC Testing
- April 8th- Early Release (12:30)
- April 10th- Leafs Ice Skating (2:50)
- April 15th- No School
- April 22nd- Spring Book Fair
- April 29th- Early Release (12:30)
- May 5-6: Camp Duncan (Overnight Field Trip)

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***Please sign the Friday Folder to let me know that you have looked at this important information, and so that we can stay in close communication.

*I will check each folder on Monday morning and get back to you right away!



Please remember to have your child bring this slip and his/her folder to school on Monday!