

Mrs. Hartgraves' Fifth Grade Weekly Recap

Week of: August 21, 2015

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

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Room 8 Birthday's this

Month: Billy

Pledge Announcers:

Bily,
Eduardo,
Rachel

Welcome to Fifth Grade! It has been a pleasure meeting our outstanding class, and getting to know them. We have been busy learning our classroom routines this week. I have a fun and eventful year planned for these new fifth graders. Parents, thank you for completing your homework this week as well. It has really helped me to understand your child better and your concerns. To address a similar concern, there will be 4 week long HW assignments this year. I am modeling each of these so they may be implemented at different times, and the students should know what is expected to complete each. In order to prepare them best for Middle School, we are giving homework that can easily be chunked into manageable parts. We are encouraging your child to work on each part a little bit everyday so they don't get overwhelmed the night before. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. Thank you again for all that you do!

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Grade

Content Covered This Week

Math

We will be starting our Math expressions Unit 1 next week.

Homefun: Math homework will consist of a Math Homework or remembering sheet each day, as well as a math timed packet. The math timed packet is a useful tool to help students work on their math facts at home. Having a good understanding of math facts will help them with number sense and see patterns with the fractions that we will be working with throughout the year. The times give me an indication on the students that are working hard on improving their recognition.

Reading

We have introduced the book Westlandia, as well as discussing our Big Idea of this unit: How is interdependence essential to maintaining life? We will be diving further into this unit next week.

Homefun: A Reading log will be due on Mondays. Each student is required to read at least 20 minutes every night and write down on their log a response to what they read. They are able to read a book that they enjoy (fiction or non-fiction) or read on Raz-kids. A weekly Reading Comprehension will be due on Monday.

Writing

We will begin our Being a Writer curriculum next week. The students were busy writing a story about their summer in their writing journal.

Homefun: Spelling: The students will be receiving a word sort that they are to practice every week. Their group will be on a rotating schedule so they get new words on different days of the week. This differentiated spelling will be discussed at Parent night. Writing: Paragraph of the week will be due on Fridays.

Specials Schedule



Music

C and E Day 11:10-11:40



Media

B Day 11:10- 11:40



PE (Bring gym shoes)

A and D Day 11:10-11:40

Mark Your Calendar

- Aug 24th- Band/Orchestra interest forms are due
- Aug 28th- Band/Orchestra meeting

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***Please sign the Friday Folders to let me know that you have looked at your child's work, 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 his/her Friday Folder to school on Monday!