

Mrs. Hartgraves Fifth Grade Weekly Recap

Week of: January 25, 2015

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

JANUARY



Its official, we have our class DARE essay winners! This was an extremely hard choice for Officer Gnuechtel and I. Everyone did an excellent job and really improved their writing skills overall. However, Wendy is our first place winner, and Sasha is our Second place winner. If you would like to attend the DARE Graduation, it will be taking place on February 3rd at 9:30. If your child ordered a fifth grade t-shirt, then they will be getting it the day of DARE graduation so that he/she can wear it. I can't wait to see you there! Congrats to our Fifth Grade winners!

Great job Fitness Club participants! Thank you for working so hard!!!

On February 12th, our second installment of Camp Duncan money is due. Any Chaperones that have paid are going with us on May 5-6th. Please make sure that you have filled out a pink volunteer form before that date.

If you have any questions or concerns please, don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you again for all that you do!

i

Birthdays this Month

- Ximena, Vince
Sasha, & Adrian

Pledge Announcers:

- Izel, Billy & Eduardo

Content Covered This Week

Math

Unit 4: 4.10, 4.11, Unit Study Guide, and Unit Test

We are reviewing multiplication of decimals, exponents, and place value. The students took their test on Thursday. 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, 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: Social Studies textbook (non-fiction)

Big Idea: Progress moving forward making life better

Idioms of the Week: On Cloud Nine & Steal the Show

Science: Civil War

We are discussing some of the events of the civil war. We are discussing the conflicts between the North and the South. The students were able to try hardtack that the Civil War soldiers ate. We will continue discussing studying strategies which they will be using throughout Middle School. We are using our Textbook, worksheets, simulations, and videos to discuss this topic.

Writing- Narrative

The students completed and volunteered to share their DARE essays. They will be brainstorming ideas on their stories about a picture that they will get next week. They are required to include dialogue, an interesting hook, a problem and solution, and developing character traits.

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

- Every A Day- book check out
- Jan-Feb (Tues, Thurs)= Fitness Club
- Feb 3- DARE graduation
- Feb 12- 3rd genre genius due
- Feb 12- Camp Duncan payment due
- Feb 12th- Early Release (12:30)
- Feb 15th- No School (President's Day)
- April 7- PARCC Testing

karen.hartgraves@d300.org

847-532-6927

Website: <http://mrshartgraves.weebly.com>

***Please sign 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 return his/her folder to school on Monday!