

Mrs. Hartgraves' Fifth Grade Weekly Recap

Week of: March 14, 2016

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



Birthday's this Month

Eduardo, Dean, & Nicole

Pledge Announcers:

Kayla, Sasha, & Kaylee

This week we have introduced the topic of the Holocaust to the students in Social Studies. According to Illinois State Standards we are required to teach this content to all Fifth Graders. We are aware of the sensitivity of this topic and have planned appropriate topics to the best of our ability to discuss at their age level. The students have been acting very mature and are doing very well with the information in this topic.

PARCC is quickly approaching, and we are implementing some practice tests for the students in the classroom and also with their homework. This is to help decrease test anxiety, and give them the necessary tools to take this computer based assessment. Please be confident that we have been practicing the content and test taking strategies all year long. Also, remember that it is important for them to get a good night's rest and eat a healthy breakfast.

Due to the short week next week, I will not be sending out a Newsletter until after Spring Break. Everyone have a fun-filled and safe time, especially if you are traveling!

Thank you again for all that you do!

Content Covered This Week

Math

Unit 7: 7.3, 7.4, 7.6

We are discussing the order of operations, algebraic expressions, and coordinate points. 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: Social Studies Articles (non-fiction)

Big Idea: What causes change to occur

Idioms of the Week: Butterflies in my stomach & Off the hook
Social Studies

We are discussing WWII, the Holocaust, immigration, and ancestry. We are using vocabulary, simulations, articles, videos, and hand out materials to aid in instruction.

Writing- PARCC Practice

We are practicing for the PARCC test that will begin the week of April 7th. We are discussing good test taking strategies, including TTQA and using evidence from the text to support thinking when giving a written response to a question. We have been practicing these skills since the beginning of the year, but it is still a challenge for many of the students.

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

- March 24th- Yearbook orders due
- March 24th- Early Release (12:30)
- March 25th- No school
- March 28th-April 1st - Spring Break
- April 7- PARCC Testing Begins
- May 5-6: Camp Duncan (Overnight Field)

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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 his/her folder to school on Monday!