



**Mrs. Reeb's and Mrs. Schneeberger's
Turtle and Trout Newsletter
October 28th, 2016**

Here's The Plan for Next Week:

Reading

Readers will read multiple texts centered around the theme of being a writer and author. They will focus on determining the author's purpose of a text, conveyed through key details.

Writing

Writers will begin the week by completing their My Pet Monster narrative stories. They will edit, revise, and illustrate these. When this is complete, they will begin researching for an animal research project. This will be the same animal that they will study at our Big Zoo Lesson.

Grammar and Spelling

Students will focus on writing compound sentences by combining the subject or predicate nouns. Our spelling words will focus on beginning silent letter combinations, gn, kn, and wr.

Math Focus: Multiplication

- Chapter 4 Review
- I can use the make a table strategy to solve problems
- I can use multiplication to find the total number of combinations that can be made when given two groups of objects
- Chapter 4 Test

Social Studies Focus: Michigan

- I can explain how Father Marquette affected Michigan's history

Science

For the next few weeks, students will use their science time to research their Big Zoo animal.

Other News:

- Monday is a half day of school with dismissal at 11:05. Our Halloween party will begin at 8:30. The parade will begin at 9:15 and the party will continue afterwards.
- Attendance: Families, please be sure to call in to our 24-hour Attendance Line if your child will be absent. The number is 517-625-5858. Please remember that after 5 absences we will notify you via phone, after 8 absences we will send you a letter and document your child's file and after 11 absences we have to notify truancy, per school handbook.
- Mrs. Reeb is looking for two-three parent volunteers to help with a PTO fundraising project. This would involve helping to plan an art project and auction basket to go with the theme of Michigan. Please contact her if you would like more information and are interested in volunteering.

THE BIG ZOO LESSON!

***** BIG ZOO PARENT'S ONLY NIGHT! Please mark your calendars for November 16th, 6:00PM. Join us to learn all about the Big Zoo Lesson! Student and parent expectations will be explained, and you will have the opportunity to ask questions.**

***Now taking a list for Volunteers! If you are able to attend any day, full or half day please let us know your availability.**

***We are looking for a few parents to begin putting our Notebooks together. This project can be done at school or at home. If you are able to help in any way, please contact us.**

Third graders have an exciting opportunity to attend The Big Zoo lesson at Potter Park Zoo this winter. This is a change from the traditional field trip model to a week long interdisciplinary study trip, connecting science learning with the real world setting of the zoo. We will make the zoo our classroom for an entire week, December 12th-16th. This experience includes investigations, behind-the-scene tours, presentations by community experts, and groups of students working cooperatively on research. We will talk with wildlife experts, observe animal behavior, and research animals from all over the world. We are hoping for at least five adults volunteers each day. Please check your schedule to see if you or another adult can attend any or all days.