



## Mrs. Reeb's and Mrs. Schneeberger's Turtle and Trout Newsletter September 23rd, 2016

### Here's The Plan for Next Week:

#### Reading

Readers will read fiction story titled, *The Perfect Pet*. They will focus on analyzing story structure and identifying the problem and solution. Readers will determine the meaning of multiple meaning words using sentence context, and use diagrams in nonfiction texts to locate important information.

#### Writing

Writers will begin the week by drafting their personal narrative. They will then learn and practice different strategies for revision including looking at other author's craft, cross-checking for basic story structure, and thinking about the message of the story.

#### Grammar and Spelling

Students will focus on forming compound sentences using a comma and the words and/but. Our spelling words will focus on long i spellings.

#### Math Focus: Addition

##### Mathematicians Will:

- Checking progress and review worksheet
- I can add four-digit numbers with regrouping
- Chapter 2 Review
- I can check my answers for reasonableness
- **Chapter 2 TEST**

#### Social Studies Focus: Michigan

##### Researches will:

- Learn how Native Americans traded for things far away
- Chapter 1 Review
- **Chapter 1 TEST October 3rd**

## Science

We will continue exploring why plants and animals survive in different environments. We will focus specifically on deciduous forests and grasslands.

## Other News:

- Picture Day is Wednesday, September 28th.
- Take Home Folders: Students are using their blue folders as take home folders. ***These folders will travel to and from school every day.*** One side is labeled “Keep at Home”. This will include finished and graded work, and any notes from the office. The other side is labeled “Return to School”. This is a spot where students will bring home work that needs to be finished and returned the next day.
- Math Homework: Math homework will be sent home most days. It is a review of that day’s math work. It will be counted as two points extra credit on report cards. Homework will be accepted daily and no later than each chapter test.
- Snacks: Students are responsible for bringing their own snack daily. Earlier this week a letter was sent home explaining we’d like students to bring healthy “power snacks.”
- Spelling: ***Spelling words will come home every Monday.*** A pretest will be given every Wednesday, and a final test will be given every Friday. If a student receives 100% on the pretest, they will be exempt from the final test. Our spelling words are part of our Treasures Language Arts program.
- Conferences are scheduled for October 10th and 13th from 4-7pm.

## THE BIG ZOO LESSON!

**Thank you to those families that participated in the Cravings Popcorn Fundraiser! Orders should arrive on the morning of the 28th. Orders will need to be picked up that afternoon. We will send home an email as soon as we know more details on arrival time and pick up times. Mr. Scanlan is kicking off a Pop Can Drive next week. All proceeds will benefit the cost of the Big Zoo. Feel free to send in any bagged cans and drop off to him.**

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.