



Mrs. Reeb's and Mrs. Schneeberger's Turtle and Trout Newsletter September 30th, 2016

Here's The Plan for Next Week:

Reading

Readers will read a play titled, *The Strongest One*. They will focus on determining the moral of the story, and how this is conveyed through key details.

Readers will do the same with a nonfiction text titled *Move to the Beat*. In addition, they will practice fluency and asking and answering questions to develop comprehension.

Writing

Writers will continue revising their personal narratives. They will add details, dialogue and transition words.

Grammar and Spelling

Students will focus on identifying and distinguishing between common and proper nouns. Our spelling words will focus on long e spellings.

Math Focus: Subtraction

Mathematicians Will:

- I can use strategies to subtract mentally
- Subtraction Lesson 2 I can estimate differences using rounding to the nearest ten or hundred
- I can determine whether an estimate or an exact answer is needed to solve a problem
- Checking Progress and Review worksheet
- I can model subtraction with regrouping

Social Studies Focus: Michigan

Researches will:

- Chapter 1 TEST
- Where did the first people of MI live before they came here?

Science

We will continue exploring why plants and animals survive in different environments. We will focus specifically on grasslands and the arctic tundra.

Other News:

- The PTO Fund Run is Wednesday, October 5th at 8:30.
- 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.
- 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. Please let me know if you still need to sign up for a time.
- **Halloween Party: Our party will be on October 31st. We have a half day that day. I don’t know the start time of the party or the parade yet. I am looking for a parent volunteer to coordinate our party: food, games, etc. There is a list of parents who have signed up to help but I would like someone to coordinate all the activities and such. Please let me know if you would be interested in helping!**

THE BIG ZOO LESSON!

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.