
#### Abstract

Important Reminders/Information: * Brrrrr! It's getting chilly out there. With the cold weather upon us, it is important that your child comes to school every day prepared to go outside for recess. Hats, gloves, heavy coats, etc. are a good idea. Also, Mr. Maloney was not happy with the number of students wearing hoodies at our $5^{\text {th }}$ grade portrait last week. He reminded the students, again, that it is important to be in uniform every day (unless it's a Spirit Wear Day or other special occasion). Hoodies are not permitted on a typical day. :) * Fall Conferences were today (Monday). If you were unable to come in to chat about your child's progress, I am more than happy to schedule another time to meet (either in person or over the phone). * Congratulations to Room 122's Spelling Bee participants! La'Shiyah, Ka'Myla, and Ava will be participating in the Bee on November 13 $3^{\text {th }}$. Jillian is our alternate. Way to go, spellers! * The end of the first trimester is November $22^{\text {nd }}$. The report cards are typically sent home about a week or so after the trimester ends.


Reading Workshop: This week is a short week, but we still have a lot to get done. We will be working on Characterization using a fun book, Gone with the Wand by Margie Palatini. Characterization is the method an author uses to Create a character. Essentially the author uses six techniques to develop a character, including how the character interacts with others and what the character does, thins, feels, and looks like. The students got some practice with this last week as they compared the characters of Brow Bones and Ichabod Crane in The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. This week the characters are a little bit different. (:)

Social Studies: This week in Social Studies, we will continue to learn about latitude and longitude. We will use a variety of methods when studying latitude and longitude including using an Atlas, watChing video clips, and adding to their interaCtive geography lapbooks.

Mathematics: This week we will prepare for Unit 3 in Everyday Mathematics. It is all about fractions! In preparation for the Everyday Mathematics lessons, we are going to do a 10 -day mini-unit. This mini-unit will reintroduce them to the basics of fractions before diving into the more challenging content. I will still be differentiating instruction in the classroom, so all students are challenged appropriately. The homework will look a slightly different with this small intro unit. The homework will be attached to the lesson taught that day in class. Some days the homework may seem easy, while others it may seem more challenging. Please continue to communicate with me via e-mail, phone, or handwritten note regarding any concerns in this area.


Miss Mathisen's Class

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 No biethdays in November!This week's special schedule... Monday: No School (conferences) Tuesday: No School Wednesday (Day 6): Music Thursday (Day 1): Music Friday (Day 2): Art

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## UPCDMING EVENTS ATRAINBDW

November 4 $^{\text {th: }}$ : Parent/Teacher Conference NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS!
November $5^{\text {th }}$ : SCHOOL CLOSED!
November $7^{\text {th }}$ : Orchestra Rehearsal (6:00-8:00 pm) Week of November 11 $1^{\text {th }}$ : American Education Week November 11 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ : Veterans Day Presentation (10:30 am) November 13 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ : Rainbow Spelling Bee (2:30 for $5^{\text {th }}$ grade) November 18 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ : School Store in our POD
November $22^{\text {nd }}$ : End of $1^{\text {st }}$ Trimester
**Girls on the Run is every Monday and Thursday from 3:45-5:15 PM**


