Week of September 9, 2019

Important Reminders/Information: * It is very important to go through your child's Homework Folder EVERY DAY. Not only will there be information for schoolwide events/activities, but it may also contain pertinent information specific to your child. Throw away any papers that are not needed to help reduce the clutter. * Make sure you received information about picture day! The flyer should be in their Homework Folder today.

Reading Workshop: This week in Reading Workshop we will continue to build our reading lives. Last week I encouraged the students to find a nice, quiet spot in their home to dedicate as their special reading area. Our lessons this week will focus on reading our books knowing we will be writing about our reading. In order to do this, we will be looking at examples of what this should look like in 5th grade.

In addition to our normal reading lessons, Miss Miehle and I will continue to administer the DRAs. Our goal is to have all the students assessed by next Friday. On Wednesday, we will be doing a special reading lesson on the events of September 11, 2001. We will be honoring all the men and women that have/are serving our country.

Writing: The students' "hopes and dreams" for the school year are complete. They thought long and hard about three goals they wanted to accomplish this school year (one academic, one social, and one "other"). They will be hanging up in the classroom as a constant reminder to stay focused their goals. The students are really excited to begin writing to their pen pals from Coyote Ridge Elementary in Colorado. We will be working on our friendly letters the first part of the week. We will then try out a "Text Dependent Analysis" response on Friday.

Social Studies: We are building our Geography Lapbook! This week we will talk about where in the world we are! We will start with our street address then build up to the town, state, country, continent, planet, and galaxy we live in. Later in the week we will learn about Cardinal and intermediate directions. We will even learn how to use a compass to identify which direction is north as we are sitting in our classroom. Part of our time this week will be dedicated to learning about the events of 9/11/01. Next week we will begin Science with Mrs. Elicker!

Mathematics: Last week we began to calculate the area and perimeter of rectangles. The mathematicians brought with them a lot of background knowledge on area. I applaud and thank their wonderful teachers prior to 5th grade for preparing them so well. This week we will continue with our study of area of rectangles. We will also begin to learn about volume by using nonstandard volume units.

If you haven't done so already, PLEASE take some time and read the **Unit 1 Family Letter** that went home last week. It contains a LOT of useful information, including ways you can help at home as well as the answers to every Home Link assignment in Unit 1. Let me know if you need another copy and I will send one home.



Happy Birthday! September 10th: Miss Mathisen

The Student of the Week is:

We will start next week.

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This week's special schedule...

Monday: (Day 3): Library

Tuesday (Day 4): PE

Wednesday (Day 5): PE

Thursday (Day 6): Music

Friday (Day 1): Music

UPCOMING EVENTS

AT RAINBOW

September 9th: RIF Distribution

September 11th: Patriot's Day

PTO meeting (7PM)

September 12th: Elementary Instrument Info. Night

* 7 PM in the LGI

September 26th: Johnny Appleseed Day

September 27th: Sprit Wear

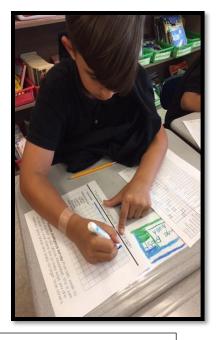
* Favorite Jersey/Sports Day

We learned a new math game last week! It's called **Multiplication BUMP**. It is a fun way to practice our basic facts





Last week in Room 122...



We learned about different ways we are intelligent.
The students graphed their results and kept it in a
safe place. Throughout the year we will remind
ourselves that there are many ways to be smart!

