



# A PEEK AT OUR WEEK!

Week of September 16, 2019

**Important Reminders/Information:** \* October 17<sup>th</sup> is Constitution Day! We will be reading the popular, *We the Kids*, to learn what the preamble to the constitution means and WHY our constitution is so important. \* Last week I did my first binder AND desk checks. Did your child earn a ticket? This is one way I try to help my students stay organized. If they did not pass a binder check, please ask to see their binder. Are there papers EVERYWHERE? Have they been giving your papers from their Homework Folder every night? These are the main reasons students don't get pass. Please remind them every day to go through their papers with you. \* **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST ROUND OF SAFETIES!**  
Captain: Jillian      Safeties: Shane, Ava, Aidan, Wynn, and Selah.

**Reading Workshop:** The readers in Room 122 have been working on reading their books with "writerly-wide awakesness." This means reading their books knowing they will be doing some high-quality writing about their reading. We have been reading *Home of the Brave* by Katherine Applegate as a read aloud text. I also use this book to model some of the higher-level thinking 5<sup>th</sup> graders must do as they read. This week, we will prepare for our interpretation book clubs by reviewing inferencing. Miss Miehle and I are also continuing our DRA testing. We are about half-way done.

**Writing:** This week the students will be mailing their first pen pal letters to Colorado. Please send back the letter that was sent home last Friday if you do NOT wish to have your child's picture sent with the letter to his/her pen pal. If your child is choosing to bring a photo from home, they are due TOMORROW!

**Science:** This week Mrs. Elicker, our science teacher, will be continuing to teach the scientists in room 122 about communicative diseases. Last week they participated in an interactive lesson in which they saw how quickly germs can spread from one person to the next. Ask your child what they learned! Each science unit will be 10 consecutive days. Our first unit started last Friday and will end next Thursday (September 26<sup>th</sup>).

**Mathematics:** We are in full swing of Unit 1! This unit focuses heavily on area of 2-dimensional figures and volume of 3-dimensional figures. This week the students will be using cubes to find the volume of rectangular prisms. They will also learn two formulas when calculating volume. Remember to read the Unit 1 Family Letter that was sent home in the beginning of the unit. This letter is extremely useful when you are trying to help your child with homework. Not only does it have the answers to the Home Links (homework), but it also reviews the strategies/skills we will work on in class throughout the unit. In case you don't have it (or accidentally threw it away), I attached another copy of the family letter to this edition of "A Peek at Our Week.". I don't always copy it because the students are expected to rip it out of their Home Links book and give it to you. *Be sure to check for a new Family Letter at the beginning of each unit.*



*Miss Mathisen's Class*



# Happy Birthday!

No birthdays this week

The Student of the Week is:

Aidan S. 😊

## This week's special schedule...

**Monday: (Day 2): Art**

**Tuesday (Day 3): Library**

**Wednesday (Day 4): PE**

**Thursday (Day 5): PE**

**Friday (Day 6): Music**

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT RAINBOW

September 23<sup>rd</sup>: Safety Meeting (8:00 AM)

September 24<sup>th</sup>: Garden Club (4:15 PM)

September 25<sup>th</sup> + 26<sup>th</sup>: Girls on the Run

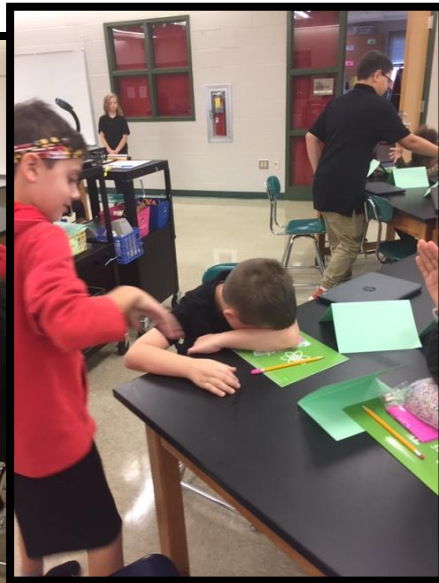
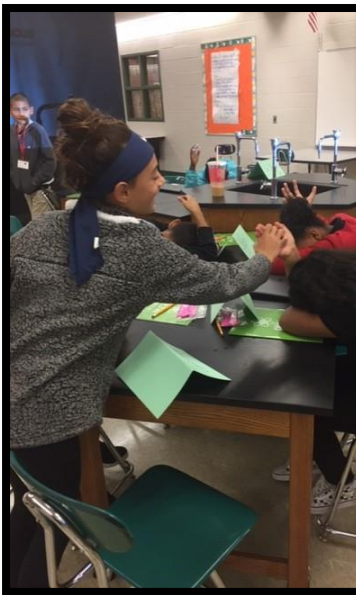
September 26<sup>th</sup>: Johnny Appleseed Day

September 27<sup>th</sup>: Spirit Wear

\* Favorite Jersey/Sports Day

October 1<sup>st</sup>: Picture Day (uniforms are not required)

## Last week in Room 122...



*In science last week, Mrs. Elicker introduced the class to "communicative diseases" and how fast they can spread from one person to another. The scientists in these pictures are playing a game like "7-Up" to show this.*

*Last week in math the students began to explore volume. In these pictures the mathematicians are packing rectangular prisms with pattern blocks.*



*Miss Mathisen's Class*