

Navigator News



Friday, October 26, 2007

Fourth Grade Math	Third Grade Math
<p>We continue to work on Unit 3, which covers multiplication and division fact families, along with story problems and beginning algebra. Students have been creating and solving “math mazes” to give them fact practice as well as some serious strategy work! PLEASE continue to practice multiplication facts at home with your student. Quick, accurate recall is a must for fourth graders!</p>	<p>We have finished work on Unit 2. This reviewed problem solving using addition and subtraction. We started work on Unit 3- Measurement. Help your child learn to use a ruler, measuring to the nearest $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. Continue to practice your basic facts. Use the fact family triangles and other fun activities from class to improve your skills.</p>
<p>All Navigators will be taking the CVSD math assessment during the week of Nov. 5</p>	

Expedition:

As you know, we have started our Westward Expansion expedition. We began by getting background information about how the United States grew, learning about the Louisiana Purchase and Manifest Destiny. We are now living the lives of miners in a California Gold Rush simulation. Navigators have formed mining teams in their base camps and are reading and writing to learn about the gold rush while earning gold nuggets for their teams. Ask your Navigator about staking claims and claim jumping!

Literacy:

We continue to “monitor for meaning” as we read difficult expedition text. We have also been using the comprehension strategy of “determining importance” to look for important information in text and find the main idea. Navigators have been busy writing as well! Within expedition, we are journaling and taking notes. We continue to work on how to get our ideas down and organized.

Great job of turning in your reading logs! Lighthouse Awards will be next week for those of you who met your reading goal for October. New reading logs are being sent home today and will be due November 30.

Homework:

- Read 30 minutes a day and record the minutes on your monthly log
- Families need to check planners on a nightly basis to ensure the building of good study habits. Please discuss your student’s day, ask them to share their day with you.

Upcoming Events:

- November 5—District assessment this week (2 days).
- **No collaboration days in November due to conferences and Thanksgiving**
- Friday, November 9—Veteran’s Day assembly (time TBA). Do you know a veteran? We would love to honor them at the assembly. Please notify your base camp teacher for more information.