



Navigator News

Friday, November 16, 2007

Fourth Grade Math	Third Grade Math
<p>Students created fabulous math maze booklets that will be sent to Liberty Lake Elementary for fourth graders to complete. The Navigators created the rubric and scored each other's work. We are working on problem solving over the next couple of weeks. After Thanksgiving break we will begin Unit 4 studying decimals and measurement.</p>	<p>Students have started work on Unit 4- Multiplication/Division. We are looking at the concept and using word problems to practice the skill of multiplication. Now is the time to start working on multiplication facts. A good first step is practice counting by 2's, 3's, 4's, and 5's. If your child memorizes facts now it will make math so much easier.</p>

Expedition:

Our Gold Rush simulation is winding down and the Navigators have been working in mining companies, searching for gold, and learning about life during the California Gold Rush. Students are beginning to work on a class "choose your own adventure" book about the gold rush with each student responsible for a page of the story. **On December 13 at 6:00 p.m.** students will be presenting a culmination of their learning. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details!

We are looking for sticky backed foam sheets and foam letters for an art project the Navigators will be working on after Thanksgiving. Also, we will be painting with acrylic paints during this project, please send an old shirt to cover clothing.

Literacy:

Students have spent a lot of time finding main ideas and determining importance in our expedition text. In writing we have reviewed prewriting and are moving on to both organizing our work and using strong word choice as we create class books.

November reading logs are 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 19-21—Book fair continues in library
- November 22 & 23—Thanksgiving Break
- December 5 & 12—Early release for collaboration
- December 13—Navigator culminating presentation at 6:00 p.m.

Navigator newsletters will now be coming home every other week!