



Navigator News

Friday, September 28, 2007

Fourth Grade Math	Third Grade Math
<p>We finished Unit 1 on geometry this week. Students completed incredibly creative projects. Did your student show you the Unit 1 assessment? We are beginning Unit 2 and will be focusing on using numbers and organizing data. Please help your student by practicing multiplication facts at home.</p>	<p>Third Grade Math – Unit one was a great review for the third grade students. It has been fun to get to know the “new” Navigators. Unit two focuses on adding and subtracting whole numbers. Please remember to build strong study habits at home by reviewing the Home Links every night. Also, practice your basic facts. Use the fact family triangles and other fun activities from class to improve your skills.</p>

Expedition:

The Navigators have been studying the respiratory system and muscle groups through exercise. It has been a great experience to try a variety of fitness activities from swimming and hiking to playing soccer and kickball. We were also privileged to have guest speakers from the EWU physical therapy program teach us about the importance of stretching. We hope to continue to focus on exercise throughout the year. *Please read the letter on the back in reference to our bike ride.*

We will continue to be *on the move* as we kick-off a new expedition on Monday. Be sure to discuss the new topic as a family.

Literacy:

The Navigators have jumped right back in to reading, reading, reading! We have been working on picking out the elements of a narrative story from read-alouds to our own books.

During the upcoming month we will be working on Determining Importance in non-fiction texts. We will also look at Monitoring for Meaning in all types of reading. This will help us become more aware of how well we understand what we read.

We will be working on our Writers' Notebooks at school with the task of gathering ideas for future writings. We will be looking at what we already know about so that we may write as experts!

Great job of turning in your reading logs. Lighthouse Awards will be next week for those of you who met your reading goal for September. New reading logs are being sent home today and will be due October 26.

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:

- Monday, Oct. 1—Expedition Kickoff!
- Wednesday, Oct. 3 & 10—Early Release/Collaboration
- Swimming schedule change: For the week of 10/8—
 - Monday, 10/8—Honn and Olson swimming
 - Thursday, 10/11—Amend and McElgunn swimming
- Friday, Oct. 12—Learning Improvement Day—No school for students