



Trail Blazer News



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Expedition

In our investigation, *We the People*, we are studying to learn about how our government works and to study the important documents of our nation. This week we will finish up our study with what our responsibilities as a citizen are. Our citizenship handbook is the culminating product for this investigation. We will have a final assessment on Friday.

Math

5th Grade – As we complete the *Bits and Pieces I* text, Tuesday we will have a test over the unit. We will then begin the Prime Time text investigating prime and composite numbers, along with factors and multiples. To gain a strong understanding of this unit, it will be imperative that your child knows their multiplication facts (1-12) well.

6th Grade – Continuing on with our last two Connected Math books, *How Likely Is It?*, *and Stretching and Shrinking*, this week.

Writing

This week we will finish working on the Trait of Sentence Fluency with our persuasive speeches being given to our base camps. Their speech will highlight the knowledge they have learned of sentence fluency, as well as focus on oral presentation skills.

Reading

The reading strategy of Inferencing continues to be our focus. Inferencing is the process of creating personal meaning from the text. When proficient readers infer, they create a meaning that is not necessarily stated explicitly in the text.



Upcoming Events

February 10th –Stink Sneaker Spirit Day!

February 11th – Early Release for Teacher Collaboration.

February 12th – **Parent Meeting.** Come help us plan for our colonial camp. 2:45pm-3:45 pm in Rm. 7

February 13th – Valentines Parties – 1:30pm-2:30pm in base camps. (Valo-grams available for purchase afterschool in foyer)

February 16th – Presidents' Day (No School)

February 19th – Downhill Ski day at Mt. Spokane. **Be sure to get your permission slip in ASAP!**

Vocabulary

Vocabulary terms this week: **We have no new terms this week. Help your child to study the previous 4 weeks words to prepare for a cumulative test on Friday.**

Spelling

Look for weekly spelling words to come home and be practiced. Tests will be on Thursday or Friday. Any questions please contact your child's base camp teacher.

~PARENT MEETING~

Remember to come to our parent meeting on Thursday at 2:45 –Rm. 7 to help get ready for our Colonial Camp!