



Trail Blazer News

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In the News...

We have jumped full *force* into our new expedition, "Forces and Motion". Ask your Trail Blazer what they know about their vocabulary words in the context of our investigative experiments.

Also the Navigators (3rd and 4th graders) are still collecting clean plastic 2-liter soda pop containers. Please bring them in if you have them.

Spelling / Vocabulary

Spelling –Check with your child to see what personal spelling words they are focusing upon.

Vocabulary- We will begin focus our expedition content vocabulary. Remember to complete your vocabulary homework.

Spelling and Vocabulary tests are on Thursday and Friday.

Summit School Annual Auction:

We only have one fund-raiser per year, which provide funds for our fieldwork and over-night events.

Ms. Bos' crew: Date Night, for grownups :)

Mrs. Freeman's crew: Gift Cards Galore

Mrs. Smith's crew: [an ice cream social basket to include an ice cream maker, toppings, scoop, etc. and also a homemade recipe book](#)

Mr. Watts' crew: [Rag rug created by students](#)

[Thank you! The auction donation items are due at the end of January](#)



Math

6th Grade - The 6th grade students will continue their investigation of area and perimeter. This week they will develop techniques for estimating areas and perimeters of non-geometric figures, and they will learn how the perimeter of rectangles can vary considerably even when the area is held constant.

5th Grade -We are working with the concept of tiling a surface with different shapes, as well as what a rotation, translation and reflection on a grid.



Reading

We will focus on how to determine the important ideas within the texts we are reading, while utilizing fix-up strategies to help us comprehend.

Ask your child to talk with you about connections they make while reading.

Thank you for practicing your reading and completing the reading logs.

Please turn this page over . . . and thank you for reading our news!

---Checking your child's planner on a nightly basis will help build strong study skills.



YMCA Swimming and Rock Climbing



Beginning the week of January 28, 2008

Each base camp will have a day of the week that they will enjoy this fitness experience:

Monday	Mr. Watts' crew	Tuesday	Mrs. Freeman's crew
Thursday	Mrs. Smith's crew	Friday	Ms. Bos' crew

Please be prepared with a swimsuit (one piece suits for girls), a towel, a brush, and a plastic bag. A brush or comb, shower cap and goggles are optional.



Writing

As we continue to practice using the writing process, we will focus on the trait of Organization. We have been practicing writing good leads to grab our reader's attention and now we will focus more on writing the middle of the paper.

Remember to access **Homework House** on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (no homework house on early release collaboration Wednesdays) from 2:40-3:45 pm.



Important Dates

Monday, January 21- Martin Luther King Holiday-No school

Monday, January 28-YMCA Swimming and Rock Climbing start this week...see your base camp teacher for your class' day of the week. This activity will happen one day per week for each class and continue for seven weeks.

Thursday, February 7, 2008 – Our annual **downhill ski trip** to Mt. Spokane. The information packets are being sent home soon. Please return your permission slip as soon as possible.