



Trail Blazer News



March 23rd-27th, 2009

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Expedition

Liberty – What does it mean to have it and why do people want it?

This week Trail Blazers will become experts on one of the following topics; the Stamp Act, the Boston Tea Party, the Virginia Resolution, or the Intolerable Acts. They will then teach each other about each of the events and the part the Sons of Liberty played in each.

Math

5th Grade - We are closing up our unit in our Prime Time text, focusing on prime numbers, multiples and factors. This will involve a project that students will complete using their individually chosen number.

They will need to be working on completing this at home as homework.

This will also serve as a review for their unit exam. Ask your child when their project is due.

6th Grade – Our goal for the next several weeks is going to be using the Problem Solving T-Chart to focus on a variety of problems solving strategies. This week we will work on Guess and Check and Making a Table/Chart/Graph.

Writing

We are continuing to focus on the writing trait of word choice. Our next writing assignment is a Raft centered on the Sons of Liberty and the event of the Boston Tea Party.

Reading

Book Clubs are off and running! Books being studied are:

Give Me Liberty, The Fighting Ground, and My Brother Sam is Dead.

Ask your student what their jobs are this week and what is happening in their book.



Upcoming Events

March 23rd - 27th – All-School conferences continue. Students have early release at 12:30 pm.

BOOK FAIR

(Remember our book fair is open during conferences. Stop in for a buy one get one free! 8:30am-4:00pm.)

March 30th-April 3rd – Spring Break.

April 16th – Parent colonial camp meeting. Rm. 7 at 2:45-3:45 pm.

April 13th-May 1st – Elem./Middle WASL Testing.

Vocabulary

Vocabulary terms this week: **shilling, colonists, whigs, tyranny, repeal, tories, Hessian forces, Stamp Act, Sons of Liberty, and Boston Tea Party.**

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~

Parents mark your calendars for our next colonial camp meeting. It is on Thursday, April 16th in Room 7 at 2:45-3:45pm.