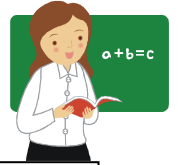


I Don't Have Any Idea

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5th grade Newsletter



Art by JC Roh
In art, Ms. Tews had us make Spanish masks.

Science by Nyssa
In science we are studying the digestive system. We also are making the bottom jaw of our mouth.

Social Studies by Charlie
In Mrs. Frommell's social studies we are learning about the Vikings and how they discovered Greenland and how Christopher Columbus discovered America.

Religion by Madelyn
In Religion we are finishing up Unit 1. We just had our Unit 1 test and Faith and Actions. We are going to start Unit 2 next week. We just finished the 7 Sacraments and Beatitudes.

M.s Koeller's Math
Maya interviewed by Catherine
This week in Ms. Koeller's math group we took a test on adding, subtracting, mixed numbers, and fractions. We have just started chapter 6 and in this unit we are working on multiplying and dividing fractions. Tuesday, October 25, 2011 we had an assignment on estimating fractions, products, and quotients. Ms. Koeller wants to get through chapter 6 on October 26. Math is an awesome subject in 5th grade this year and that's what we are doing in Ms. Koeller's math class.

Spanish by Kate
In Espanol (Spanish) class we are testing the Hail Mary in Spanish. We are talking about All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. We are making skulls for All Souls' Day. We all are drawing our friends and family members in heaven for All Souls' Day.

Computers by George
In computer class we have been doing a lot of typing practice. We watch Follow me Fionas which are just internet safety videos. We are about to start a big project on Kid Pix.

Phy Ed by Jack
In Phy Ed we are scrimmaging in flag football. We also have been passing and punting drills. We have a text next week!

Mrs. Stoffel's LA
Grace interviewed by Frankie
They are doing Lit circles, the books that they are reading are: Absolutely Normal Chaos, The Indian in the Cupboard, and Surviving the Applewhites. They have just started to learn Direct Address. Mrs. Stoffel's class just had a spelling test.

Mrs. Frommell's Math
By Peter
We are currently learning about algebra and multiplying by one-digit numbers. Also we are learning multiplying whole numbers, expressions, and multiplication properties like commutative or identity properties. Also we started a new property: the model of the distributive property!

Mrs. Stoffel's Math by Fritz
In Mrs. Stoffel's math group they are studying divisibility rules. They are doing numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, and 10. They are also reviewing long division. They are all trying to memorize the divisibility rules.

Music by Keira
This week in Music we are getting ready for the Christmas Concert. We are picking parts. We are also practicing for the Day of the Dead parade.

Mrs. Frommell's LA
By Carter
We are learning about adjectives and nouns. We are writing our personal narratives on the laptops. Personal narratives are things that happened in your life. (A note from Mrs. F. We also started our first literature selection *Maniac Magee*)

A note from Mrs. Frommell:

It's hard to believe that first quarter is almost over! We're concentrating on study skills (even if the student's don't quite look at it that way...) across the curriculum. How do we pull out the main ideas from our reading selection? How do we learn those new spelling words and make them our own? It's been a great first quarter and we're excited to start another! I have seen many students busy reading books for Battle of the Books and really starting to think about time usage in class. Please help us keep students on track with their assignment notebooks (especially if something is late!) to help prepare them for middle school. Also, study habits are really important! Organizing their study area, using it, and keeping it neat will all help students to form good study habits. Thank you so much for all of your help and support so far this year!

Mrs. Heather Frommell

Stoffel Stuff

One quarter is down and three to go before these wonderful children will be moving on to middle school. Time does really fly!

There will be a science test on the Digestive System on Monday, October 7. The students will be able to select the kind of test they want to take; the choices are the normal objective kind of test or to write a story following a bite of food through the digestive process. The study guides for both will be sent home a week before the test. The next system we will study is the Respiratory System.

Officer Pete is doing a great job with the students. They are not only learning about the dangers of drugs and alcohol but also how to resist peer pressure and stand up for what they know is right. Each student will be required to do a culminating project for DARE. Officer Pete will be giving them the guidelines soon.

We continue to work on study skills and organization. We have begun to sign assignment notebooks after each class period. **Please sign your child's assignment notebook each night.** The next step is to get them to take home the books and other things needed to complete the work. We'll keep trying!

The students have had two student council meetings. It is very interesting to sit and listen to their ideas. We have a strong group of fifth graders and they should be able to accomplish a lot throughout the year.