



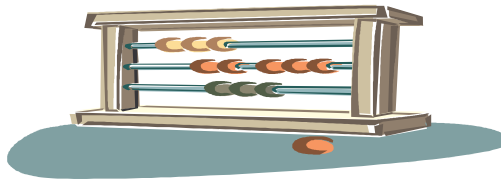
5K News 42



Language Arts



We are doing many things in Language Arts. We have just finished reading Brian's Winter. It is about a boy who gets trapped in the Canadian wilderness. We have just started reading a book called From The Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler. It is about two kids who decide to run away from home. We finished a short story called William Joyce.. Scrapbook. It was a nonfiction story about his art-work and life. We are doing mini-lessons to enhance our writing skills. We are writing a story about a Revolutionary war kid who did something to help the cause of the war. We are also writing a nonfiction report on a battle of the Revolutionary war. The battle is for us to choose. We are getting all of this writing done in Writer's Workshop. We finally have started Writers Workshop again. We have written a four square pre-write for the nonfiction report on the battle of our choosing. We continue to play Rivet. We are playing less and less of Mystery word, but we want to play it more. We read every day. We are focusing on revising our story's we are writing. We have also just finished reading Toliver's secret. We are also starting to enter some more writing contests. We have been doing a lot in Language Arts! *By Dylan E., Evan. Adam, Dylan R., and Tyler*



Math

In math we have been doing a lot of things like dividing, multiplying, adding, subtracting and comparing fractions and decimals. We have also been learning to do math problems that will also help us do well in the I.S.A.T. We also were doing one minute fact tests. We made boats and saw how much cargo the boats can hold. We did our very first one Minute division facts. To understand multiplying fractions we did folding paper and drawing work. We have been doing sheets out of our math journal. We were studying percents. *By John, Patrick, Akshay, Ayush, and Lauryn*

Mrs. Kalina's fifth Grade Class

Upcoming Events:

- Monday, Feb. 12th—NO SCHOOL
- Wed., Feb, 14th- Valentine parties @ 2:15. AND Market Day Pick-up.
- March 1st—4th/5th music program @ 7:00 (NCWHS)
- March 5th-NO SCHOOL
- March 12-23rd ISAT

Reminders!!!!

- Water bottles are great for the students to keep on their desks! We are out of cups, and they get very thirsty in PE, and during the day!

Social Studies!!!

We have just finished watching the Revolutionary War and New Nation DVD's that cover chapters 8, 9, and 10. (We have a test on those chapters on Tuesday and Wednesday.) We made collages of the three branches of government. We worked on the Federal system of government. We worked on, and presented, Web Quests, and kicked off our unit (entitled *The Real National Treasure*) by watching the movie *National Treasure*. We wrote facts about the Revolutionary War. We started on our Revolutionary War expository

writing. We drew pictures of the ten Amendments in the Bill of Rights. We will start our historical fiction stories. We just started our new map packets. We learned about important documents such as the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. We read To-liver's Secret and we finished it. We watched "How a Bill Becomes a Law." *By Tasmin, Cathy, Deija, Katelyn, and Soraya*

Science



We've done many things in science this month. We made a boat that had to float while holding pennies. We also did Periodic Table projects. We chose a compound from the periodic table and made them with stickers on a piece of paper. We did a lab to study molecules and how much space was between liquid and solid molecules. We also learned about density, and how dense a boat could be and still float in water. We know why it can float. We're are soon going to do an experiment about mystery powders. *By Jared, Jeremy, Justin, Cory*

Other Interesting Things

100's day was Tuesday and our class decided to put up a 100's day chicken for our display. Every group took turns creating the chicken and then we all signed him. Our music concert is coming up this March. The theme is the Words We Live By and we are learning songs that have to do with the Gettysburg Address and Martin Luther King. We have celebrated lots of birthdays in January, like Mrs. Kalina's! She received new games for the classroom to play during inside recess. Half the class has band or strings on Tuesdays and in March they are having a concert. We sing "Happy Birthday" Hawaiian style and we hang a big palm tree up in honor of the birthday person. New book racks have been added to our classroom library so that we can have a more organized library. After Christmas we had an auction with our tickets. We all brought of items to sell. We almost have Transition Time, which means that we will get a party. We have lots of interesting things in our class! *By Megan, Katie, Alison, Taylor, Haley*

Thank-you, Parents

Thank-you all for the wonderful birthday celebration that you and my students created. Mrs. Lamont purchased many new games for the classroom, which the students are enjoying, and the treats were great! I will enjoy, too, the Panera gift certificate. You are all VERY generous!

Homework Updates

Although I am working hard on this, my website is still not working for me the way I would like to see it work...which is because I still do not know enough, and as I experiment to make it better, I (many times) mess up a part of it that I cannot fix until I am able to get the expert help of our web person, Mr. Harris. Such has been the case with our online homework page, BUT...I will have an hour, or so, to work on that this Friday!