

Room 2 News

November 14-22, 2011

Important Reminders

****No Room News next week because of the 2 day school week****

- Math Test - Monday, November 21
- If your child will be absent November 21 or 22, please let me know ASAP.
- No School - November 23-28
- Continue to encourage your child to read and study the multiplication facts nightly.
- Library books are due every other Wednesday.
- Be sure to use the school dismissal form for a change in PM dismissal.
- I am no longer signing your child's student planner. It is his/her responsibility to copy down all assignments as part of bellwork.
- Be sure to check out www.missrosenthal.com for class updates.

Reading - Students worked on their summative assessment region report final copy with their partner. They will share their reports with small groups next week.

Writing - Students practiced grammar by correcting sentences for spelling, punctuation, and capitalization. They also have the opportunity to write in their journal during our morning routine. We continued our unit on persuasive essays. Students finished their turkey persuasive essays. They will hang in the hall, so come check them out! We will continue writing persuasive essays after Thanksgiving break.

Spelling - The students and I are exploring a spelling program which helps children notice the ways that they spell. Last week, students learned what kind of speller he/she is and learned the different ways to spell the /s/ sound. This week students are exploring different strategies and patterns when spelling.

Math - Students learned about true and false number sentences, how to use parentheses in math, and how to solve open number sentences. We reviewed for the unit 3 test. The unit 3 review sheet is in your child's Friday Folder and will serve as a wonderful study guide for the test on Monday, November 21. Remember to practice addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts with your child every night, since we will be having timed quizzes periodically. Please refer to the Study Link Family Letter for questions regarding the homework. All math homework is due the following day and it checked in class. We will play various math games next week.

Social Studies - Students took our first geography quiz on maps vs. globes, continents, oceans, the compass rose, and directions. Mrs. Waffenschmidt traveled to Venice in Italy. If time permits, we will travel with her again next week to a special destination in the United States. Next week, we will learn about borders of states and we will continue to travel using the compass rose.

International Baccalaureate - We learned about the learner profile attribute thinker this week, since it ties into our first unit of inquiry. After reading books about thinking, students discussed how to be thinkers, wrote about how he/she is a thinker in and out of school, and made a paper quilt about thinkers.

Unit of Inquiry - We continued our first unit of inquiry this week, which is about the United States regions. We took a short assessment on the Southeast region, which required the students to write down human and physical characteristics of that particular region. Then, students explored our final region, the West, by going to various exploration stations. We read about important physical and human characteristics within the West region.

IB Learner Profile

THINKER

They exercise initiative in applying thinking skills critically and creatively to recognize and approach complex problems, and make reasoned, ethical decisions.

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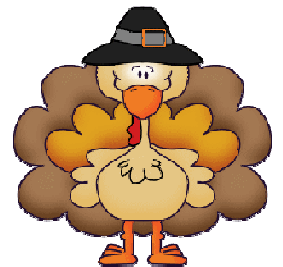
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Spelling Words

No Spelling
until the week of
December 5th

Have a wonderful
Thanksgiving!



Thank you for
bringing in all of
the Box Tops! We
really enjoyed our
Pizza Party!

