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**Classroom
Wish List:
Extra Snacks for
the Classroom**

Box Tops

Flat Stanley Project

Please remember to send in an envelope with a stamp, addressed to a family member or friend who lives in Michigan, in preparation for our Michigan unit of study!

Mrs. Hayes' Classroom Connection

Here's What's Been Going On! Balanced Literacy Program

Our classroom has a balanced literacy program, with several components. Students will be involved, daily, with reading and writing workshop, as well as spelling and word study. Secondly, students will also study grammar. Aside from this, we will be focusing on mastery of our handwriting skills.

This week we continued to launch reader's workshop. Students will be reading books, solely at their independent level, while participating in whole class and small group mini-lessons.

As a class, we have been learning the different components of reader's workshop, as well as how to create reading goals for ourselves, select "just right books" and practicing what good reading looks and sounds like. We have

Word Study

Students will participate in a variety of activities, such as sorting words to understand phonemic patterns. Students will bring home a new list of words to study every other week. The list will be based on his/her

also been working on comprehension strategies, specifically being able to visualize what we are reading in our minds. We have also been working on improving our reading stamina.

In addition to this, we launched writer's workshop.

As a class, we have been learning the different components of writer's workshop, as well as how to come to and leave the carpet during workshop.

This week we continued to delve into our first writing genre, personal narrative. A personal narrative is a form of writing in which the author shares an experience from his/her life. We have added a lead, dialogue, as well as strong verbs to our first piece.

instructional spelling stage.

Word study will begin next week. The homework will be due on Friday, October 14. The test will be that day, as well.

Special Schedule

Monday: Spanish and Technology
Wednesday: Art
Thursday: Library
Friday: Gym

Upcoming Events

10/4/16 RED DAY Field Trip
We will be eating lunch at school before we leave.
10/5/16 FUND Run
10/6/16 FUND Run (Make Up)
10/6/16 First Grade Bake Sale
10/12/16 Popcorn/Spirit Day
10/18/16 PAC Meeting
8:30 a.m.
10/20/16 Second Grade Bake Sale
10/24/16 - 10/27/16
Book Fair
10/25/15 and 10/27/16
Parent-Teacher Conferences
10/28/16 No School
10/31/16 Halloween Party



Math

This week students continued learning about multiplication, as well as beginning to delve into division. Students have been using various strategies to solve multiplication and division equations.

The unit one test will be on Thursday, October 6. The test review will be due on Monday, October 3.

Please continue to help your child practice their multiplication cards on a nightly basis. It is crucial that students know these facts fluently.

Homework will be sent home frequently. The homework is a direct reflection of what was taught that day in class. Typically, there are only a few problems for homework.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Your constant support and dedication is truly appreciated.

Science

This week students continued learning about the Earth and its surface, specifically what natural resources can be found in and around it. Students have been learning about: rocks, gravel, sand, soil, silt, clay and water, as well as their characteristics.

Aside from this, we have been learning about the importance of recycling and why we must recycle.

Don't limit your challenges

Challenge you limits.