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Classroom Wish List: Box Tops

Just as a Reminder:

Please continue to read every night and fill in the reading log. It is due on Tuesday, January 31.

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.

Students will be reading books, solely at their independent level, while participating in whole class and small group mini-lessons.

We continued 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. Aside from this, we have been working on the components of retellings, including the heart of the story/lesson learned.

Word Study

Students will participate in a variety of activities, such as sorting words to understand phonemic patterns. Last week students received their words.

This week we continued our character study unit, which entails being able to put ourselves in the character's shoes and empathize with the role they take on in the book.

Students continued participating in their book clubs, while keeping a focus on character study.

Students continued editing and revising their pieces this week. Aside from this, we continued the publishing process, as well.

Persuasive writing, is a form of writing in which the writer uses words to convince the reader that the writer's opinion is correct in regards to an issue such as why someone should play soccer or compete in gymnastics.

Homework was due on Friday, January 13. The test was today. Students will receive their next set of words next week.

Special Schedule

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

Upcoming Events

1/11/17-1/20/17 Penny Wars
1/24/17 Popcorn/Spirit Day
1/31/17 Murphy Math Night
5:30p.m.—7:30p.m
1/30/17-2/7/17 RAT Race



Math

Students have been learning about area and perimeter. In class, we have been using various measurement tools, such as a ruler and a yardstick to measure the length of various objects in and out of the classroom.

Please continue to help your child practice their multiplication facts 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 motion. Students have been learning about motion in terms of movement, direction and speed. We have also been learning about force and how it can start, stop or change the direction of an object.

Every day is another day,
to make your dreams come true.