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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, February 28.

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. This 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.

This week students began the next writing unit, nonfiction; Informational.

Informational writing is writing in which students will write informative/explanatory texts, while examining a topic and conveying ideas and information clearly, through a PowerPoint.

Homework will be due on Friday, February 17. The test will be that day, as well.

Special Schedule

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

Upcoming Events

2/14/17 Valentine's Party
2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.
2/15/17 PTC Meeting
8:30 a.m.
2/16/17 Second Grade Bake Sale
Items cost \$0.25.
2/20/17 No School
2/21/17 PAC Meeting
8:30 a.m.
3/2/17 Third Grade Bake Sale



Math

We began unit five this week. Students have been learning about multiplication and division.

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. Aside from this, students have been learning about gravity and the effect that it has on various objects.

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