

March 3, 2017

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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 Friday, March 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.

This week we continued our non-fiction unit. Students have been reading a variety of nonfiction texts and learning about their characteristics including: various types of print, table of contents, maps, labels, index, close-ups, comparisons, glossary, photographs, as well as captions.

## 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 students continued learning about nonfiction; Informational. We have been reviewing exemplar pieces, while noting their characteristics.

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 was due on Friday, March 3. The test is that day, as well.

## Special Schedule

Monday: Spanish and Technology

Wednesday: Art

Thursday: Library

Friday: Gym

## Upcoming Events

3/9/17 Popcorn/Spirit Day

\$0.25

3/10/17 No School

3/11/17 Mom to Mom Sale

Murphy Elementary 9:00 a.m.

3/15/17 Author Visit

3/16/17 Fourth Grade Bake Sale

3/21/17 Pac Meeting

8:30 a.m.

3/21/17 and 3/22/17

Kindergarten Round Up

Administration Building Lapeer

3/31/17 Readathon Celebration



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## Math

Students continued 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.

## Social Studies

Students applied what they learned about the study of history to American Indian cultures in Michigan. They explored early America Indian groups in Michigan. We also identified the similarities and differences among the groups known as the "Three Fires."

Books are the treasure,  
But reading is the key!