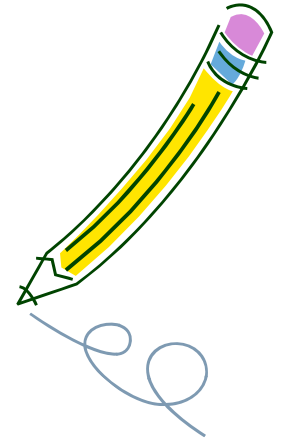


The Week Ahead

Creative Writing with Mrs. Carolyn

This week my class will continue working on Complete Subjects and Predicates. In Spelling we will learn long and short u words. We will spend much time writing in their WRITER'S NOTEBOOK too. In WRITER'S WORKSHOP we will continue to learn about the *writer's PURPOSE* and the different reasons we write. Ask your child what they wrote about in their notebook last week. We write in it every day!



Shurley English will be a part of this class too.

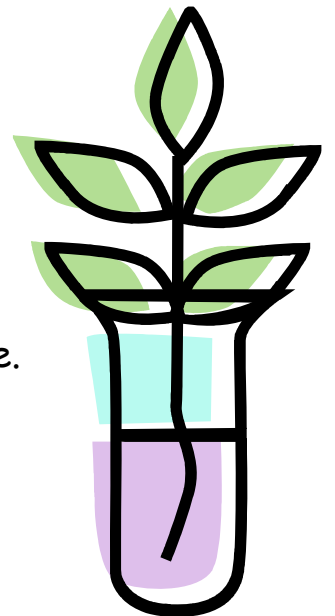
There will be a weekly test over material learned that week but most weeks there will not be homework in this area.

I will be sure and let you know in the "Week Ahead" newsletter when there is homework for my class.

Be sure and study the attached SPELLING WORDS for a TEST on FRIDAY.

Science Explorations with Mrs. Gina

We will have a Plant Parts Quiz on Tuesday, September 13th. We will also continue our Chapter 2 study of "What are Some Types of Plants" (Lesson 2, pages 62-70), and "How Do Plants Make Food" (Lesson 3, pages 72-76). There will be an in-class grade taken this week along with an experiment grade.



Spelling Words for Week of 9/12/11

Short u

Drum

Shut

Club

Jump

Just

Hunt

Such

Oddball

put

Long u

Use

Flute

Huge

Tube

Tune

June

Cute

Rude

Mad Math With Mrs. Jessi

This week we will focus on rounding to the nearest ten and hundred. Example: (to nearest ten) $76 \approx 80$, $74 \approx 70$, (to nearest hundred) $188 \approx 200$ $444 \approx 400$

Students are doing great with telling and showing time! We will continue to work on these skills as well as word problems, spiral review, and Daily Math. Please continue to ask your children what time it is, how many minutes before the hour, and other time questions. We will also be comparing money to the hundredth place. Example: $\$139.69$ ($<$, $>$, $=$) $\$139.53$.

There will be a test on Friday.

Rounding Song:

1, 2, 3, 4,

Round that number down some more!

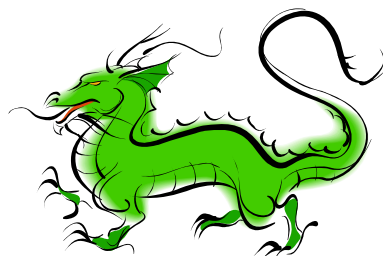
5, 6, 7, 8, 9,

Round that number up the line!



SPECIAL REMINDER

Please remember that Week Ahead is listed on school website. Also, there are always extra copies in Dana Horton's class room if you child misplaces his or her Week Ahead. <http://dewittschooldistrict.net/> . You also can check your child's grades on Pinnacle at this site.



Reading and Social Studies with Mrs. Dana

Notes to Remember

Book on CD -

If you would like a copy of the stories from our reading book on CD's so your child can listen to the stories as they read, please send me 4 CD's. I will burn these for you.



Tutoring for Reading

Tutoring for reading will begin on Tuesday, September 27th, from 3:15 (right after school dismisses) to 4:15 p.m. If your child attends, you must be able to pick them up promptly at 4:15 p.m. We will be covering essential skills for third grade in reading.

Vocabulary Study ~ Words to Know (Pages 74-75)

Realistic Fiction - Realistic fiction is a story that is rooted in reality, meaning it can really happen. The characters, events, settings, etc. are made up, but it is possible for everything in the story to happen. Settings of realistic fiction are usually in modern, contemporary, times. The plots carry real-life situations that people face on a daily basis. These stories are typically narrated in the first person.

Raise - to gather together; collect

Spreading - to open out wide or wider

Earn - to gain by working or by supplying services

Figure - to work out by thinking

Contacted - to get in touch with

Block - a part of a street marked off by the two nearest cross streets

Afford - to be able to pay for or spare

Customers - a person who regularly buys goods or services

Characters - A character is a person depicted in a narrative or drama. Characters may be flat, minor characters; or round, and major. The main character in a story is generally known as the protagonist; the character who opposes him or her is the antagonist. Character is revealed by how a character responds to conflict, by his or her dialogue, and through descriptions.

Also in our vocabulary story this week we will have words that are antonyms to a given word. An antonym is the opposite.

Examples:

hot - cold

little - big

catch - drop

in - out

day - night

boy - girl

The words that are used on the test will be taught during the class time. Students must pay attention during class time and read their tests carefully. **The Vocabulary Test will be on Friday.**

Reading Story - Destiny's Gift (Pages 78-100)

The reading story this week, Destiny's Gift, is realistic fiction. Realistic fiction is a story that is made up, but it could have happened. This week we will focus on understanding the characters. We will talk about words that describe each character and actions of the characters. Students will also infer and draw a conclusion to get their answer. In class we have talked about how you draw a conclusion. You take what you know, you take what you have read, and you come up with a conclusion. **The Reading Test will be on Thursday.**

To prepare for the test in reading:

Where is the setting of this story?

When does this story take place?

Who are the main characters?

Describe each character.

Social Studies

This week in class we will read and learn more about 9-11. We are also learning a patriotic song called "O, America."

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 13th - Science Test

Wednesday, September 14th - Progress Reports

Thursday - September 15th - Reading Test over Destiny's Gift

Friday - September 16th - Vocabulary Test from Destiny's Gift, Spelling Test, Math Test, Language (Shurley) Test

September 12-16th Blue Out to support the Dragons.

Everyone is asked to wear blue to the home ballgame.

September 13th - NFL Punt, Pass, and Kick Contest at the DHS Football Field.

Registration 4:30 p.m.

Competition - 5:00 p.m.

September 15th - School dismissed early for Arkansas

County Fair Parade - 1:40 p.m. for car

riders - 2:00 p.m. Bus riders

Parade - 4:00 p.m.

September 20th - Breakfast with Dads - Watch D.O.G.S. program 8-9 a.m. Be sure to register as soon as possible

September 23rd - First day of autumn



Have a great weekend!

We appreciate your support of the third grade!