NEWS FROM ROOM 15

Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow. -Anthony J. D'Angelo

Dates to Remember

WATCHDOG Pizza Party
-Tuesday, September 22

ACT Parent Night
-Thursday. September 24

Spelling/Vocabulary Quiz -Friday. September 25

PPC Parent Palooza
-Tuesday, September 29

Picture Day
-Tuesday. September 29

Homecoming -Friday, October 2

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Blogging

As you can probably tell by now, I am very enthusiastic about blogging with students. I have found blogging to be an incredibly enriching way to connect students to each other, their parents, and classrooms around the world. It is also an amazing teaching tool. We will use our blog for many reasons: to share our learning, to learn to make quality, insightful comments on the work of others, to teach others what we've learned, and to revisit concepts after we have learned them in class.

Thank you so much for visiting the blog and leaving comments. The students are so excited to read what their parents have written and that inspires them to write more. I will keep you updated on all we are doing. Please don't hesitate to come to me with questions!



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Reading

This week we got started with our Storytown reading curriculum. The first comprehension skill we study is learning how to determine character traits by what the character says and does. We work on finding textual evidence to support our ideas.

We also got started with our spelling and vocabulary quizzes. Those will be every Friday. Thank you so much for keeping your child on track with his or her reading. I check reading logs every day at school and we're off to a great start!

Writing

In writing we are working on filling our writing notebook with lots of stories. We are concentrating on getting our ideas down at the moment. When we have lots of stories, we will choose one to develop into a detailed writing piece.

Math

After reviewing place value, we zeroed in on rounding numbers this week, both rounding to the 10's and rounding to the 100's. Next week we will develop these skills more, applying the concept in problem solving situations and more challenging tasks. We have split into two different math groups. Your child might be working with me or with Mrs. Scholma/Mrs. Van Timmeren.

Social Studies

This week we introduced the states of the Midwest Region so we could start to identify which ones they are. We also celebrated Constitution Day on September 17 and Dot Day on September 15. Next week we will dive into learning about the Midwest in much more detail. We will continue to do Mystery Skypes as well. Keep an eye on the map on the blog!



Traveling along the Rounding Highway.

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