

April 24, 2017

Hello Everyone,

We had such a great field trip on Friday. Thanks so much to all our drivers: Carolyn Fasnacht, Frances Ganzekaufer, Wayne Weiseman, Chad Pensoneau-Conway, Jim Syler, and Dan Watts. Please remember to turn your gas receipts into the office for reimbursement if you plan on doing so. Wayne also worked hard at trying to get us acceptable transportation and scheduling of events which was very helpful. Three of Ms. Melissa's class joined us for the trip and that added to everyone's enjoyment of the adventure. The trip to Cahokia Mounds was long, but the museum and interpretive center were certainly well worth the trip. Warmer and dryer weather would have been helpful, but it was still wonderful. My hands froze so much during the picnic lunch that I stayed in the car while everyone else hiked to the top of Monk's Mound. The kids took pictures so hopefully they will share them with you. Next time I am taking back-up winter clothes no matter what the weather forecast says.

The students worked really hard all last week and I am really pleased with all the information they learned and shared. In math we are continuing with geometry, fraction operations, and data collection and display for this week. I will be gone on Monday and Wednesday but will leave plans for the substitute

including two videos for science. In science, we are going to be learning about the human life cycle and reproductive system. We will finish chapter 20 and then turn from studying the human body to environmental science.

In social studies, we will complete reading *Letters From Rifka* and move on into studying the first two decades of the twentieth century. There will be many more assignments with students picking specific topics and learning about them to teach their classmates about them. In ELA we are still using the same vocabulary list as last week and will be reviewing grammar and cursive skills. Students are again working on a daily assignment of RWR or reading/writing/research.

Remember that 7-8th graders will do each for 30 minutes each night for a total of 90 minutes each night (Monday through Thursday) while 5-6th will do 20 minutes each for a total of 60 minutes each weeknight.

This week will be busy, but please remember to get the tee shirt orders for locally grown turned in by Tuesday. You can order on line if it is easier. The link was sent to you last week by the office. You can also come by the office to order. Remember Locally Grown is on Sunday May 7 at Turley Park. I think the new location will be lots more fun, and also give us a chance to meet new people and talk about our school.

Graded work folders are in mailboxes and need to be reviewed, signed and returned by Friday, April 28. Students also have a P.O.W. this week that is due by the same day.

If you have questions about the upcoming week or future events, please feel free to email or text with your questions. At the end of this is a list of upcoming events.

Best wishes,

Carla

Monday, April 24: Purdy School Field Trip for First through Fifth grades leaving at 8:00

Wednesday, April 26: Dance Presentation at School from 10:30 to 11:00

Sunday, May 7: Locally Grown at Turley Park starting at 1:00

Thursday, May 11: School Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 23: 10:30 Dismissal with No childcare with graduation later that night.