

30 September 2018

Tomorrow starts a new month that will fly by with all our activities and classwork coming up. In math, students will all be advancing to their next unit. In social studies we are going to start working on medieval Europe and talking about life there and start individual book groups of historical novels set in that time. Students will be writing about their special classes this week and doing some things for their buddies.

We had originally planned to make muffins tomorrow for cooking class, but the students will be working on cleaning up what they didn't get taken care of in the art room on Friday. Luckily the frozen fruit will keep, and the temperatures will support having the oven on for a long time better in a couple of weeks.

Graded work folders will go home tomorrow and are due back on Friday. Friday is a noon dismissal and the following Monday there is no school. There will be no problem of the week this week as the students will be doing more math assignments each day in their workbooks. Students also need to turn in their reading logs for the month of September by Tuesday with their vocabulary word for next week.

Wednesday is career day with the students dressing up as something they might want to work at when they are older. The first through third grade students will be presenting some of their writing during our morning all school assembly that day.

On another note, since it is now October, all student work must be either typed or in cursive or will be returned to redo. I am working on getting some new programs set up to better communicate with everyone and hope to get them set up over the long weekend that is coming up.

I will be leaving early on Wednesday to take my husband to an appointment at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. The students will spend the time with Ms. Annie working with their PreK/K buddies.

Thanks for all your help with the class. I really do appreciate your comments, questions, and feedback as well.

Best wishes,

Carla

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, October 2: Future Career Day and Buddy Reading with PreK/K

Friday, October 5: Noon Dismissal

Monday, October 8: No School for Indigenous People's Day

Wednesday, October 17: Paducah Field Trip

VOCABULARY FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 1-5, 2018

1. **allegiant:** adhering firmly and devotedly (adjective) (Clare)
2. **amateur:** someone lacking in experience and competence in art or science (noun)
(Bo)
3. **civilization:** a relatively high level of cultural and technological development; specifically the stage of cultural development at which writing and the keeping of records is attained (noun) (Jasper)
3. **common:** frequently occurring or done often (adjective) (Nolan)
4. **divergent:** tending to be different or develop in different directions (adjective)
(Ellie)
5. **insurgent:** a rebel or revolutionary (noun) (Kloey)
6. **memory:** the faculty by which the mind stores and remembers information (noun)
(Keira)
7. **natural number:** a math term used for whole numbers or positive numbers (noun)
(Gabriella)
8. **Siamese:** a domestic cat of a lightly built, short-haired breed characterized by slanting blue eyes and typically pale in color with darker points. (noun) (Anna)
9. **skeleton:** rigid supportive or protective structure or framework of an organism
(noun) (Grayson)
10. **umbramancy:** void manipulation or divination through shadows (noun) (Clare)

11. **unbelievable:** not within the known range of possibility or probability (adjective)
(Gavyn)

Words from Social Studies:

12. **medieval:** referring to the middle ages (adjective)

13. **monk:** a religious man who lived apart from society in an isolated community
(noun)

14. **monastery:** a community of monks (noun)

15. **knight:** a warrior in medieval Europe who fought on horseback (noun)

16. **vassal:** a knight who promised to support a lord in exchange for land in medieval
Europe (noun)

17. **serf:** a worker in medieval Europe who was tied to the land on which he or she
lived (noun)

18. **Middle Ages:** a period that lasted from about 500 to 1500 in Europe (noun)

19. **feudalism:** the system of obligations that governed the relationship between lords
and vassals in medieval Europe (noun)

20. **Crusades:** a long series of wars between Christians and Muslims in Southwest Asia
fought for control of the Holy Land from 1096 to 1291 (noun)