

Good afternoon!

This week in science, we finished up chapter 13, Behaviors. It was a short chapter so we reviewed the information, but are not having a test. When we return from break, we will start chapter 14, Bones, Muscles, and Skin. I am thinking about our next dissecting project. Some students have mentioned cow eyeballs, so that is a possibility...

In social studies, we wrapped up Chapter 14, the Louisiana Purchase, and the Corps of Discovery. We will be studying Settling the Far West next. I am looking at ways to incorporate map activities to reinforce the distances and difficulties faced by settlers as they moved westward.

In government, we reviewed the U.S. Constitution, the Illinois Constitution, and voting and elections in Illinois. I would like to take a quick field trip on March 17 to a polling place so students can see the voting process. I will see what I can arrange over break and follow up with you.

We reviewed diagramming, indirect objects, and punctuation in grammar. When we return from break, we will be diagramming compound sentences. In math, all grades are progressing nicely through the Go Math books. Finally, we completed A Single Shard in language arts. We will do some final activities when we get back to school.

The talent show was a lot of fun- everyone did a great job working together. I think the shirts turned out really well, and overall, spirit week was a big success. Please make sure any take-home work you have at home is returned. We will start working on portfolios and will need those assignments.

One last thing- I will be sending newsletters individually this trimester and including a list of missing assignments for your student. If you have any questions about these, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Have a great and safe Spring Break and I will see everyone on March 16!

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