

Good afternoon-

This week in social studies, we began reading about Ancient Asia, specifically, India. We ended the week with a powerpoint exercise about Buddhism, and I can't wait to see what everyone has created. Next week, we will continue through this lesson, including a story about Potthapada and a writing assignment with an analysis of the story. We will complete this lesson by Friday.

In science, we are reading about earthquakes- how they occur and how they are measured. I am looking at some interactive activities to complete- I promise there will be no structural damage resulting from these projects! We will complete the lesson and the Chapter Review by Friday.

In language arts, we will be starting our last chapter of Wednesday Wars (June). We will have several book-ending activities and analysis-type projects, then we will read some Edgar Allen Poe stories as a prelude to Halloween. If you have any suggestions, concerns, or questions about this, please let me know.

In grammar this week, we will be working on Lessons 8 and 9 in the Grammar text. These cover concrete, abstract, and collective nouns and helping verbs. Everyone seems to be understanding the concepts we have covered so far, and I think we are progressing well through these lessons.

Because we don't have school on Monday, we will not have an official Art class, but I think I will have students work on a project on Friday for their Secret Buddies. We have Secret Buddy letters that I will put in mailboxes on Friday (10-9) along with a Scholastic Magazine bonus edition we received.

In Math, 5th Grade is working on order of operations, 6th Grade is working on multiplying and dividing fractions and mixed numbers, 7th Grade is working on rewriting percent expressions, and 8th Grade is continuing through dimensional analysis. It's getting challenging!

I am planning on having students decorate shirts as part of our Day of the Dead activities. We will talk about ideas next week in class.... Spirit Wear forms and Cookbook entries are due on October 15. I asked students to post 3 recipes each on our Stream and we will work on getting them to Keri.

Playday is at CNS this Saturday from 11-1!!!

If you have any other questions or concerns, please let me know and have a great long weekend!

Heather