

Reminder: Lunch boxes should go in the lunchroom before your child goes out on the playground in the morning. Backpacks are hung on a hook outside of the modular building. Students can bring the backpack in when the bell rings. Students should not be coming into an unmonitored classroom.

Thanks so much,
Kathy

Math

1st: Use pictures and subtraction to compare; Subtract to compare; All or Zero

2nd: Problem Solve Subtraction; Write equations to represent subtraction; Solve multi-step problems

3rd: Organize Data; Reading picture graphs; Making picture graphs

Language Arts

1st

Story: Curious George at School

Words to know: do, find, funny, sing, no, they

Grammar: Action Verbs

Comprehension: Sequence of Events

Writing: Sentences

Spelling: Lesson 3

2nd

Story: Diary of a Spider

Words to know: insects, rotten, dangerous, screaming, scare, breeze, sticky, judge

Grammar: What is a Noun?

Comprehension: Cause and Effect

Writing: True Stories

Spelling: Lesson 4

3rd

Story: Pop's Bridge

Words to know: balancing, foggy, tide, stretch, crew, excitement, disappears, cling

Grammar: Common and Proper Nouns
Comprehension: Compare and Contrast
Writing: Write to Narrate; Focus Trait: Ideas
Spelling: Lesson 4

Chapter Book: *Island of the Blue Dolphins*

Project: Landforms

We are studying landforms in southern Illinois. We will work in pairs to make dioramas.

Also, we are looking at doing a field trip to Giant City Park during the last week of September. I will send more information out as we fine tune the plans.

General Information:

I have been working on Spelling City. This is a program where students can practice spelling words through fun games and activities on the computer. Each student has a password to access the program. You just have to find the grade and lesson. This is a great way for your child to get some practice spelling. This information was sent home in your child's folder on Wednesday.

As we complete units in language arts (usually 7 days) we will have a fun day. Since I will be gone on Monday and Tuesday we are using those days as the fun days. Ms. Melissa (PreK) will be leading the classroom. The students will be making blueberry muffins, playing games, building landforms, and taking a walk in the arboretum.

On September 20th, grades 1 - 3 will be completing their first community service project. We will be holding a bake sale. The students have decided that the profits should go to the medical care of Scarlet (the CNS cat that Annie took home). They felt this was a good way to help a homeless animal. I am asking for donations of baked goods. We will be pricing and running the bake sale. This means students are responsible for organizing, selling, and maintaining the cash flow. All baked goods can be delivered on September 19th. This gives us time to price and set up the sale. The bake sale will be at 3 pm in the playroom on September 20th. Hope to see you there!

I will need students to work this bake sale from 3 - 3:45pm. Please let me know if your child cannot stay after school that day. Also, if your child stays it is to help with the bake sale and you will not be charged for after school care. However, pick up time from the sale will be 3:45

or your child will go to after school care at that time and charges will begin. Let me know if you have any questions.

We are in desperate need of parents to volunteer on the playground after school from (4:00-5:15) during snack (10-10:30) and lunch (12-1:00) and after school (3-4:00). If you are interested please contact Courtney in the office.

Calendar of Events:

September 11, 12: Kathy Gone
September 15: Kathy leaves at noon
September 20: Bake Sale
September 22: Planting Day 10-12
Week of Sept 25: Field trip to Giant City Park
October 4: Assembly/Wacky Wednesday
October 6: Noon dismissal
October 9: No School
October 31: Oktoberfest

Wish List:

Staples
Large bulletin boards for the classroom hallway (2 or 3)
Paper cups
Straws
Water pitcher
Boxing tape