

## **Math**

Grade 1: Model subtraction; Use pictures and subtraction to compare numbers; Subtracting all or zero

Grade 2: We are continuing to work on odd/even numbers, place value, expanded form

Grade 3:

T: Using place value to subtract (regrouping); Combining place value to subtract (mental math instead of regrouping); Model addition and subtraction (using diagrams)

C: Divide by 6, 7, 8 and 9

We will be using equal groups, related multiplication facts and factors.

## **Language Arts**

We will finish our unit on Wednesday and begin a writing project. We will create an argumentative piece of writing to present to the class. This project will take approximately 7 days. We will focus on the claim, our writing purpose, supporting reasons and organizing the information.

I will send home new spelling words on Thursday.

Grade 1

Story:

Grammar:

Comprehension:

Spelling:

Grade 2

Story:

Grammar:  
Comprehension:  
Spelling:

Grade 3

Story:  
Grammar:  
Comprehension:  
Spelling:

**Chapter Book:** *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio

**Project:** Medieval Times (Middle Ages in Europe)

This past week we made our sundial out of paper plates and a straw. We were finally able to observe the shadow change on Thursday. This rain and fog has slowed us down. The students were beginning to make predictions as to where the shadow would be towards the end of the day. The sun was a useful tool in telling time during the Middle Ages.

We explored the map of Europe and discussed how isolated it was due to the ocean and thieves not allowing people to leave this territory. Territory was very important at this time and communities began to build fortresses. We imagined our school and playground was a fortress. The students are working on making a map to help us navigate.

Next week:

Clothing; Code of Chivalry; Shields

**General Information:**

I have scheduled 2 field trips to Cedarhurst Center for Arts. We will be seeing the play *Smarty Pants and the Mousetrap Machine Show* on December 4th and *Laser Science* on February 20th. We will be leaving the school at 8:30 and will return before 3pm. I will need 2 or 3 drivers for each field trip. The field trip form will be in your child's folder today. Hopefully

this will give you enough time if you want to go and need to take a day off of work. Please return the form and fee to my mailbox by September 5th.

I would like to remind parents that lunch boxes are to be taken to the cafeteria before going on the playground in the morning. I have had numerous students forgetting to do this.

CNS is looking for parents interested in becoming a sub for the janitorial position. If you are interested please contact Mr. Chad (janitorial supervisor) or Ms. Carla. We are also looking for at least two people to provide childcare during the Corporation meeting on Thursday, September 6 at 6pm. It will be approximately one hour supervising the kids on the playground or in the playroom and will go toward your service hours. Please let Courtney know if you are interested.

REPEATED INFORMATION: (with updated details)

Our classroom will be putting together a bake sale to help support the CNS animals. On September 12th, we will have the bake sale from 3 pm until 3:45 pm in the CNS cafeteria. I will need students to stay after school to help sell the baked goods. I also need two (2) parent volunteers to help guide the students as they run the sale. We will immediately clean up at 3:45 pm. All remaining baked goods will be sold the next day at lunch. If you are interested in helping please let me know. If you are unable to attend you can help by baking some goodies for the sale. Please bring the donations to the kitchen on the morning of September 12. All proceeds go to help take care of the CNS animals.

**I HAVE HAD ONLY ONE PARENT VOLUNTEER FOR THE BAKE SALE. I NEED ONE MORE PERSON TO HELP. PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP!**

I have some days that I will not be at CNS. I am looking for parents that need service hours and would like to spend some time in the classroom. I

need a parent on September 11th and October 4th to cover my classroom from 2 - 3 pm. You will read from the chapter book for 30 minutes and help the students with clean up and dismissal. Let me know if you are interested. I will also be gone on October 5th and 26th. I will need someone to cover my class from 8:30 - noon and 2 - 3pm. I will plan fun activities for the day. Let me know if you are interested in any of these times.

**I HAVE HAD ONE PARENT VOLUNTEER TO HELP IN THE CLASSROOM ON THE DAYS I AM ABSENT. I AM STILL NEEDING HELP ON THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 5TH AND 26TH. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.**

## **Calendar of Events:**

August 31: Noon Dismissal with Childcare

September 3: Labor Day: No School/No Childcare

September 5: Wacky Wednesday

September 6: Corporation Meeting (Potluck at 5:30, Meeting at 6:00)

September 12: CNS Bake Sale

September 23: CNS Golf Scramble

October 3: Career Day- Dress for your future career.

October 5: Noon Dismissal with Childcare

October 8: No School