

## **Math**

Grade 1: Building fact families; Subtracting across and down; What is missing; Picture it; A balancing act; Dominoes; Break apart to match; Match the sums

Grade 2: Read and make bar graphs; Display data; Angles in 2-D shapes; Sorting 2-D shapes; Partitioning rectangles; Equal parts

Grade 3: Division and multiplication

## **Language Arts**

This was our final Language Arts unit. The spelling test will be Tuesday, May 7th. We will end the year with a writing project reflecting our school year.

Story: *How Chipmunk Got His Stripes*

Genre: Folktale

1st graders

Skill: Sequencing Sentences

Strategy: Asking questions

Phonics: Digraphs ch, tch; Possessives 's; Phonogram -atch

Grammar: Proper Nouns

Spelling words: chin, chop, much, chip, rich, chick, match, pitch

2nd graders

Skill: Characters Feelings

Phonics: Contractions

Grammar: Verbs in the present, past, and future

Vocabulary Strategies: Base words with suffixes -er, -est

Spelling words: I'm, don't, isn't, can't, we'll, it's, I've, didn't, you're, that's, wasn't, you've

3rd graders

Skill: Newspaper Article

Phonics: Words with /j/ and /s/; Words with VCCCV pattern

Grammar: Adjectives and Articles

Vocabulary Strategies: Suffix -ly

Spelling words: age, space, change, jawbone, jacket, giant, pencil, circle, once, large, dance, jeans, bounce, huge

## **Chapter Book:**

*Aladdin* based on Disney's Aladdin

The movie will be in theaters May 24th.

## **Project:** Physical Science

This week we used P.E. to help us understand forces and motion.

Basketball and soccer are a great way to show motion, force, and gravity.

We continued on with friction by making ramps and using materials to make friction. We finished by reviewing simple machines. Next week we will explore magnets.

## **General Information**

We will work on Mother's Day gifts. I am giving the students complete control over what they want to do. Of course this requires a little negotiation.

Open House is Thursday, May 9th. We will have a noon dismissal with no childcare. The Open House is from 5 to 7 P.M. I hope you can come and see all the things that CNS students have been working on.

May 9th will also be Wadhha and Khaled's last day of school. I have had Wadhha in my classroom for 4 years. We moved up together from PreK/K to 1st - 3rd. I'm sad that I don't get a chance to teach Khaled. I want to send this wonderful family lots of love and wishes for success and happiness. I appreciate you!

CNS registration is open to current families. Remember that incoming 1st - 8th grade CNS students will receive a discount if you sign up now.

#### REPEATED INFORMATION

The playground is in need of boards for the fort area. If you have access to some and would like to donate please contact Courtney in the office.

#### **Calendar of Events:**

May 9: Open House/Noon dismissal

May 10: No School

May 11: Plant Sale

May 15: Assembly: Wear your CNS spirit wear

May 17: No School

May 20: Field Day

May 21: Noon Dismissal/No Childcare/Graduation

#### **Classroom Wish List**

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