

January 19, 2024

The Rocker's Report

Class Newsletter



Just a reminder that report cards will be coming home with your child **next Friday**, January 26th. Please check your child's Friday folder for the envelope.

In today's Friday folder, you should find a slip of paper with your child's fall and winter scores for CBMReading, aReading, Math fluency and aMath scores. Please note that if your child's score went down, I will be having them retake their tests (all except the CBMReading score. The newest score will not be on the sheet.



Missing

We are still in search of the owner of these snow pants. Last Thursday, someone accidentally took another student's snow pants. Those snow pants have not been returned (looks gray in the picture, but they are black) are still in the room. The missing snow pants are also black with straps similar to this pair. Again, please check your child's winter gear to help us locate the missing pair. Thank you!

Academics:

Reading- With our short week, we have begun reading our animal books while identifying facts about the topics we're researching.

Language arts- As you might have been told, we have a big project we are starting. The students are doing their first research project. Each child had to choose an animal from either China or Africa to research. The only rule was they had to be able to find a book about their animal. They could not do all of the research online.

First, using a book on the Giant Panda, I modeled how the students need to use colored sticky notes to mark facts as they read their books. As we read, we found at least 4 facts for each of the 4 topics we are researching.

Next, the students found at least one book on their animal. We are starting the research using a book and can fill in the gaps and holes by going online.

The students are now in the process of reading their books and marking important information with the sticky notes.

Their next step will be to transfer those facts onto the note-taking sheet which went home Wednesday. The notes DO NOT need to be in complete sentences. (Tentatively due Thursday, January 25)

***Please know that your child will need to work on this assignment at home and at school. The ziploc, with all of their supplies, needs to live in your child's backpack when they are not working on it.**

After taking all of the notes and having them checked at school, they'll begin the power writing portion. More to come on that next week. (Tentatively due Thursday, February 8)

We will finish our project with a typed report and an art project too. (Tentatively due Thursday, February 22)

Whew! I know this seems like a lot, and it is, but your children will learn so much!

Math- Our new unit in math is all about measuring. We start out by measuring time. Our goal is to be able to tell time to the nearest 5 minutes. We will be measuring mass and then finally, we'll be measuring length.

Whenever you're around an analogue clock, ask your child to tell you the time.

It's hard to believe we're more than $\frac{1}{2}$ way through our January Number Corners. We have figured out the 3 patterns on our calendar -shapes (hexagon, circle, rectangle square, repeat), colors and fractions (whole, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{6}$, $\frac{1}{8}$ repeat). We continue to find out time and elapsed time.

Social Studies- Did you know that the Great Wall of China is over 13,000 miles long? Your child learned that yesterday along with a number of other facts about the wall. They also had the opportunity to virtually tour the wall. The link can be found in our Google Classroom.

Science- Next week we are going to see if we could outrun a dinosaur. How do we do that? Use evidence of the past to compare it to what we know now.

Important Information/Reminders:

- Early release/end of 2nd semester - Today
- Notes due for animal research- Thursday, January 25
- Report cards go home/China presentation by Mrs. Erickson- January 26
- Power writing portion of animal report due- Thursday, February 8th
- Chinese New Year Celebration- February 9th
- Finished animal report (typing/artwork)- Thursday, February 22

Special Star

Zac was our special star during the crazy week last week. He celebrated his birthday on Monday, MLK Day. I wonder if he got to go out to eat at

Portillo's because he loves their burger. One thing Zac feels he does well is art, and someday when he grows up, he would love to sell his art on Etsy along with working at a library. Every day after school he goes to Hearts and Hands. He told us about his favorite game called Zooreka. It sounded cool. One thing Zac does to help around the house is pick up his dog's poop. In his down time though, you might find Zac reading *Dog Man 20,000 Fleas Under the Sea* or maybe watching the series InBestigators. His favorite musician is Morgan Wallen. Someday, he would like to visit Maine.

