



News from Room 205
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Classroom Newsletter

Scholastic News

Scholastic News is an excellent magazine resource that we will be subscribing to this year. The cost is \$3.99 with checks made payable to Scholastic. Scholastic News provides practice in research skills, non-fiction texts, current events, and much more. It has been correlated to meet a wide range of 3rd grade Sunshine State Standards. Information was stapled in your child's agenda today. Thank you!

Weather Days

Tropical Storm Fay caused Duval County Public Schools' students to miss three days of school at the beginning of this school year. The District currently has five days built into our school calendar in order to makeup any days missed due to weather. Makeup days for students due to Tropical Storm Fay will be on November 10 and December 18 and 19. The storm also required us to move the end of the first quarter, changing the date for Teacher Planning Day from October 20 to October 24. Students will need to now attend school on October 20, not on Teacher Planning Day, October 24.

Club Einstein

Club Einstein questions have been updated. New questions have been posted and are due September 12, 2008. So far we have a SIX way tie for the most points on Club Einstein but it is still early in the game. If you have not tried it, give it a shot. The Weekly Brain Buster has also been updated. This is an excellent way to prepare for the Math FCAT.



Quizlet News

Quizlet is an excellent site online that allows you to create quizzes to practice vocabulary, times tables, spelling words, science terms and much more. We have created a class account to provide additional practice in vocabulary terms, math facts, etc. The address for Quizlet is <http://www.quizlet.com>. The class username is *archercowan*. The password is *panthers*. Please feel free to have your child log in at home to practice. This week's reading vocabulary terms have been added. Multiplication facts have been added as well as science terms.

This Week's Homework

Daily: Read 20 minutes AND LOG IT!

Tuesday: Spelling - worksheet; Reading - read practice story aloud to an adult

Wednesday: Math - student sheet

Thursday: Spelling - study for test, Reading - answer the questions that were sent home with the reading story on Tuesday

Friday: Have a super weekend and READ!

Spelling Words: add land shall glass wrap catch chapter bell spell step dress chest length shelf fill drink thick print since grip wrist

Reading Words: tease lonely serious fasten assume hopeful companion

Reminders to Students

- Club Einstein and Brain Buster answers are due on Friday, September 12. Everyone that participates earns a small prize.
- If you have not purchased a binder for your child's agenda, please take a moment to purchase that item. The binder will keep the agenda protected from wear and tear as well as provide a place for your child to put his/her homework. Thank you!
- Our class has snack daily during our writing time. You are welcome to send your child with a snack. Donations for class snacks are welcomed and appreciated!

Recommended Web Sites

<http://www.noaa.gov>

This is the official website for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. You can track the latest tropical storms, weather patterns and so much more.

<http://www.yahooligans.com>

Yahoo for kids! There are games, homework help, and so much more. Please check it out!

What are we studying?

Reading - rituals and routines, review of the reading strategies, cause and effect

Mathematics - groupings, addition and multiplication, skip counting, 100's chart

Writing - rituals and routines, narrative writing

Science - process skills

Health - personal hygiene

Reading Vocabulary - companion tease lonely serious fasten assume hopeful companion

Grammar/Phonics - sentence writing, vocabulary practice

Mrs. Archer's Resources

P.E.: Red Day 10:15-10:45

Music: Green Day 10:15-10:45

Media: Green Day 9:45 - 10:15

Art: Orange Day (wk 2) 9:45 - 10:45

Computers: Orange Day (wk 1) 9:45 - 10:45

Mrs. Cowan's Resources

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Music: Green Day 9:45 - 10:15

Art: Orange Day (wk 1) 9:45 - 10:45

Computers: Orange Day (wk 2) 9:45 - 10:45

Important Dates

- September 3rd at 8:45 is the Ronald McDonald show.
- September 4th is Chic-Fil-A day. A portion of the day's proceeds go to help our school.
- September 5th is the school dance from 6 until 8 pm (weather permitting).
- September 10th is an Early Release Day. Students will be dismissed at 1:30 pm.
- September 12th is the deadline for submitting the answers for Club Einstein and the Weekly Brain Buster.