



News from Room 205
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Classroom Newsletter

NED Show

Our school was lucky enough to have NED visit this morning. NED stands for **N**ever give up, **E**ncourage others, and **D**o your best. We sent home an order form on Friday for the NED show. The yo-yo's will be on sale this week. They come in assorted colors and designs. You can even purchase a holder, a How To DVD, and a Tricks DVD. For a sneak peek of the show, you can visit www.thenedshow.com.

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.

Prediction

This week's reading strategy that we will be focusing on is prediction. In testing students this past week, we have noticed students are apprehensive about making a prediction about a story they will be reading. To help them with this, you can ask your child to tell you what they think a story will be about before reading. You may also want to have your child stop and make predictions about the story as they read it. Have them explain why they made their predictions. As we have explained in class, they must provide "evidence" for their predictions. This can include pictures, text, background knowledge, and experiences.



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. Only half have turned in their money. Please help us to purchase this worthwhile resource. Thank you!

This Week's Homework

Daily: Read 20 minutes!

Monday: Spelling - first 10 words in sentences,
Math - practice page 91 C

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

Wednesday: Math - practice page 47-59 How to
make array cards, Spelling - last 10 words in
sentences

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: mix milk smell last head friend
class left tar send thin stick empty glance small
climb part smart sore score

Reading Words: giddy boast stranded tremble
rescue resourceful consequence

Reminders to Students

- Club Einstein and Brain Buster answers are due on Friday, September 12. Everyone that participates earns a small prize.
- 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.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/

This website contains cool videos, links, activities, games and so much more. If you have the opportunity, please take a moment to check this site out.

<http://www.mbgnet.net/bioplants/main.html>

This site contains information about our current unit of study in science which is plants. Take a moment to check it out.

What are we studying?

Reading - rituals and routines, predicting, cause and effect, benchmark testing

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

Writing - rituals and routines, narrative writing

Science - plants

Social Studies - election, current events

Health - personal hygiene

Reading Vocabulary - companion tease lonely serious fasten assume hopeful companion

Grammar/Phonics - sentence writing, vocabulary practice, base words, short vowel sounds

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 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.
- Scholastic Book Orders (will be sent home on September 9th) are due September 17th.
- September 24th is an Early Release Day. Students will be dismissed at 1:30 pm.