

Weekly Newsletter: August 13-17, 2018



Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! Friday was a great first day and it was kind of nice having that one day to get our routines going before jumping into our subject area materials this week. Planners are on sale now and cost \$5, please send that in this week as we will be filling out our planners together this Friday, 8/17.

This Week We Are Learning

ELA: Vocabulary in literary texts and Novel Study Students will learn the various strategies and techniques for identifying vocabulary found in literary pieces. We will read several short stories throughout the week and will also tie in these skills to begin our first novel study of the year: Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing. It is a quick read that we will wrap up this week, but it is usually a favorite for many students 😊 We will also work on a baseline writing sample and a baseline cold read to use as a starting point for instruction. A nightly reading log will be coming home this week.

Math: Factors and Multiples This week we will be launching our first math unit: factors, multiples and number patterns. This is a short unit (we will be wrapping up before the end of the month). Students should be working on their math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) for homework this week. Math homework handouts will begin next week, 8/20. Homework is graded for completion and counts for 5% of the overall grade.

Science: The scientific process We will spend our first week discussing the scientific process and what it means to be a scientist. Students will complete their first science lab on 8/17.

Upcoming Important Dates

August 17: Picture Day

August 28-30: Factors and Multiples Chapter Test in Math

August 30: Curriculum Chat 6-7pm

September 3: NO SCHOOL

Weekly Homework

- Reading Log (4 nights)
- All back to school forms
- \$5 for agenda book



Reminders

- Grades will be available through HAC weekly, please make sure you are checking regularly (if you are unsure of login please contact Paige Lange: paige.lange@stjohns.k12.fl.us)
- Intake conferences and pen pal volunteers can sign up on our class website
- Don't forget to sign up for our classroom dojo- pictures were posted from our first day 😊