

Weekly Newsletter: August 20-24, 2018



We have our curriculum chat on August 30th. Thank you again for all you do to support your child and the efforts of VRA! The year is off to an amazing start, and I am SO thankful to be working with all of your amazing students. Just a reminder, please sign up for an intake conference using the sign up genius link on our website 😊

This Week We Are Learning

ELA: Connecting Texts to Visuals: Students will learn strategies to connect visual elements and vocabulary in literary texts. This particular week we will also use various medias (including video and audio clips) to work on vocabulary acquisition. We are still working on our novel study from last week and are just a few chapters away from wrapping up Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing. In writing, we have started brainstorming topics for our first writing project: personal narratives.

Math: Factors, multiples and number patterns: We are continuing to work on our first math unit with an anticipated unit test date of 8/30. Students should be practicing their math facts at home.

Science: The Scientific Method: We are wrapping up our first science unit this week with a lab. There is no test for this unit, just the lab.

Social Studies: Florida's Physical and Cultural Geography: We are starting out the year with an investigation into maps and Florida. Students will identify key features of Florida's geography including weather and climate.

Upcoming Important Dates

August 20-31: Parent-teacher intake conferences

August 24: Vocabulary Quiz

August 30: Factors and Multiples Chapter Test

August 30: Curriculum Chat: 6-7pm

August 31: First graded cold read assessment

September 3: Labor Day

Weekly Homework

- Reading Log (4 nights)
- Math Workbook pages
- Vocabulary Packet (quiz on Friday, 8/24)



Please remember only volunteers who have been cleared through the Keep-N-Track system are allowed on campus must check in at the front office. More information on becoming a cleared volunteer can be found on the VRA website under the Quick Links Tab for [School Access/Volunteer Clearance](#).

Should you need to make a dismissal change on how your child will be going home, please make sure to complete the Dismissal Change Form located on the VRA website: <http://www-vra.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>, prior to 2:15 pm on the day of the change