

Weekly Newsletter: Nov. 5-9, 2018



Our Hawk Fun Run kicks off this week and the official run is next Friday, 11/16. Information cards came home last week with sign-up information.

This Week We Are Learning

ELA: Comparing Poems, Plays and Stories: This week is our final week with poetry, plays and stories and students will work on comparing features of the three using graphic organizers. Students will complete a cold read on Thursday.

Math: Equivalent Fractions: This week we will continue exploring equivalent fractions and comparing fractions. Our unit test will be on Friday, November 16th. A common mistake students frequently make when comparing fractions is to cross multiply (sometimes called butterfly). This method does not explain/prove how one fraction is larger than another. Comparing fractions using this method will not be accepted as proof or an explanation. Students need to use equivalent fractions, including finding common denominators to compare fractions.

Science: Forms of Energy: Our science unit this month focuses on forms of energy. Students will learn about mechanical v. chemical energy and differences between kinetic and potential energy. Students will also compare and contrast sound, light, heat and electrical energy. Expected unit test date is November 30.

Social Studies: Why did Ponce de Leon found Saint Augustine?: For the next several weeks, students will be exploring the reasons why Saint Augustine was founded. The final project- a multi-paragraph essay will be constructed in class and will ask students to explain the reasons why Saint Augustine was founded.

Upcoming Important Dates

November 12: NO SCHOOL

November 16: VRA FUN RUN!!!

November 16: Math Unit Test

November 21-23: Thanksgiving Break

November 30: Forms of Energy Science Test

Weekly Homework

- Reading Log (4 nights)
- Math Workbook pages
- Social Studies advertisement handout
- Vocab Packet #7 due 11/16, Quiz 11/16



Are you interested in additional learning resources for at home learning and practice? IXL is a great resource that is available to every student in our class. For each topic being taught in math, there are a series of lettered and numbered tasks to complete. These test style questions provide students with extra practice and are an excellent way to study and prepare for upcoming tests and quizzes.

IXL Tasks for the current math unit include: P.5,P.7, P. 8, P.9 and P.11-P.22