

5/4/18

The Reading Corner...

We have been doing wonderful research in our nonfiction unit for Readers' Workshop! Students have now formed research teams on high-interest Revolutionary War subtopics. We have six research teams total. Each research team has started their responsibilities of gathering resources and reading about their focused subtopics. The goal is for readers to sort through all of their information, including books, articles, and videos, to determine the main idea. Students are choosing an accessible book to read for an overview of the Revolutionary War. They are learning how to take organized notes as well. Fantastic job so far readers!

Writers Workshop...

We have just begun our final unit in conjunction with our final Readers' Workshop unit. In writing, students are learning how to write an informational book. They are using the same research teams and subtopics from readers' workshop. The goal is for students to publish a piece that has four chapters.

Chapter One: All About the Revolutionary War
Chapter Two: All About their focused subtopic
Chapter Three: Write a story from a soldiers point of view
Chapter Four: Write an essay explaining why their subtopic is important.

Please see the student sample for more information.

In Math This Week...

Congratulations to our Mathematicians for completing Math MCAS! We were so impressed with their perseverance and hard work! Thank you so much for all your support at home!

This week we have been review our Geometric Terms. Playing Geometry Simon Says has been their favorite. To celebrate Earth Day the students began working on their Geometry Earth Day Scenes. Using different types of lines, angles, and shapes the students are creating fantastic outdoor scenes to show their appreciation for our planet. They are excited for them their pictures to hang in the hallways when they are finished.

We took a small break from Math 4 Today homework during the MCAS weeks but we will be resuming this week. Week 17 will be coming home with them today.

Important Dates and Reminders

- * No School May 28th – 29th – Memorial and PD days
- * Don't forget the T Shirt forms
- * If you would like to chaperone for our field trip please return the chaperone slip by Friday May 25th
- * Sturbridge Village Field Trip Friday June 15th
- * Field Day June 8th

In Social Studies and Science This Week...

In Social Studies the students have finished their Midwest book pages and are eager to share their hard work. For this project we focused on informational writing. The students researched facts about their topic and organized their information into categories. They enjoyed being researchers.

In Science we continue to learn about how weather effects our land. The students have chosen weather topics and are creating a Google Slide presentation to share information. They are even creating a Kahoot.it to share with their classmates.

Conversations Starters

ELA review questions

1. What is your focused subtopic you are researching in Writers' Workshop?
2. How do you read nonfiction well?
3. Play Simon Says with all our geometry terms.
4. Share an interesting fact about your Weather topic.