

4th Grade News

February 6- 10, 2012



Don't forget to get your Valentine Cards ready! Let me know if you need a new check off list. Our party will be at the end of the day on Tuesday, February 14th.

Reading



We completed our reading unit on compare and contrast. This week we begin the reading strategy *cause and effect*. The skills we will cover for this strategy include:

- An effect is what happened, and a cause is why it happened.
- Signal language, such as because, so, since, and as a result, can help readers identify cause and effect relationships.
- Identifying causes and effects helps readers recognize the relationship between events and understand how different actions might result in different effects.

The metacognitive strategy will practice is *making connections*. Readers link what they read to something they already know.

Math

Topic 14 "Multiplying by Ten" begins by exploring the effect of multiplying a whole number by a multiple of 10, 100, or 1,000. We are also learning strategies to multiply mentally. The topic ends with finding the area of a rectangle.

Read more about topic 14 at:

<http://www.cometclassroom.com/Math/4thgradeintros/topic14intro.pdf>

Computer Lab

We finished our PowerPoint presentations for our Wisconsin Destination. They look great and the kids will use them to present the persuasive paper this week.

Social Studies



We will take the region test for the south on Wednesday, February 15th. A practice map was sent home on February 2nd.

We are making a booklet about the south.

Practice the states at:

<http://www.purposegames.com/game/southern-states-of-us-quiz>

Science

Using our KNEX vehicles we are observing what happens when we vary the force acting on the vehicle. We will also see what happens when we keep the force constant, but change the mass of the vehicles.

The terms are difficult so along with our science journal we are keeping a book of science terms and definitions.

Calendar:

Tuesday, February 7 10:45 – 11:30 A Wrinkle in Time workshop
(We enjoyed the book and the movie!)

Thursday, February 9 Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, February 10 First Stage Play "A Wrinkle in Time" 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Chaperones: Borowski Evans Schnoor Sherman Stachowiak
Tuesday, February 14 Valentine Day party last hour of the day

Checkout the new updates: www.cometclassroom.com

Learn the unit words, no excuse and word study bonus words at SpellingCity:

<http://www.spellingcity.com/view-spelling-list.html?listId=7943025&x=ec6a3>



SPELLING LIST 19

Rule: words with -y + Inflectional Endings

Unit Words	No Excuse	Greek & Latin Roots cir, circum – around re – back again
1. decaying	1. there	1. circus
2. decayed	2. their	2. circle
3. decays	3. they're	3. repeat
4. surveying	4. were	4. rerun
5. surveyed	5. where	5. recycle
6. surveys		
7. carrying		
8. carried		
9. carries		