



News from our Teachers:

Mrs. Swindell's Class:

This week our class has continued working on our science unit, *matter*. We have learned about changes in matter, different states, and what a sub-newtonian fluid is...think ooblek! We have also started working on ideas for our science expo on May 22nd. We are excited to show you what we have learned. In math we began our money unit and are doing really well with learning the different coins, adding the amounts, and are working towards learning how to make change.



Next week we will have the opportunity to work with Mrs. Mac's class for their annual school store. This is an opportunity for students to show what they have learned in their money unit. We have done a wonderful job with our spelling these last two weeks also. We had 35 words broken into 7 different phonics rules. Thank you for continuing to study with your students, it really showed!

Mrs. MacDonald's Class:

It has been a great week. I am happy to announce that our CMAS assessments are DONE! I am very pleased with the time and effort that every student put into showing their best work. In math, the 5th grade group has been learning how to use percentages, the 4th grade group has been relating decimals and fractions, and the 3rd grade group has been working with money (pictured below). Next Thursday, we will be doing our annual "school store". This is an opportunity for students to purchase simple items while having the opportunity to practice counting back change. If you have any items at home that you would like to purge, please bring them to school before Thursday so that I can add them to our store. In social studies, we have been learning about the events that led up to the beginning of the Civil War. We talked about Lincoln's election, the southern states seceding from the Union, and the attack at Fort Sumter. In science, we are wrapping up our unit on how to do a science fair project. We had fun learning about this process while solving a mystery. Your student will now put into practice what we have learned by conducting their own science fair experiment. Today we went over each student's problem and hypothesis to make sure they are on track. Next week we will begin working on our display boards. Your student will need to conduct their experiment at home and bring the results to school by May 5. Please look at the science fair requirements so that you can support your child in this process. Any pictures you can take will help your student's display board look nice. You can email them to me and I can print them at school. Our science fair projects will be presented at the Science Expo on May 22.



Ms Amy's Class:

We had a great Reward Day to Cliff Lanes for bowling in Westcliff! (See photo below.) Thank you to our chaperones and drivers Denise Krey and Bruce Robinson. While we were bowling the 8th graders completed the last CMAS test in science. So, no more testing until Map/NWEA testing in May. We made it back just in time to meet everyone at the Wild Spirit for an Easter egg hunt and fun. Thank you, Beth! We're rolling right along in The Giver and loving this book. We are back to our traditional spelling tests and stories. They are posted in the hallway with our Spring Break stories. Please read and enjoy them when you are at school. The upper math group is cruising along in the 8th grade Go Math books. We are looking forward to our Science Expo on the 22nd of May. We will have a display including Robotics, the Van de Graffe Generator, the Tesla Coil and Arc Lights. We continue to love PE and Art. We are looking forward to our trip back to La Dolce Vita on May 5th. Please sign and send back the permission slip. Also, these kids gobble up fruit. Please send apples, oranges, bananas and berries with your student for the class snack. Thanks, and have a great weekend.



Upcoming Events: SEE CALENDAR IN PONY FOR POSTING AT HOME

Monday, May 5 Schools to Pasture field trip (AM) - be sure to return permission slip

Monday, May 5 Library (PM) - BRING YOUR BOOKS!

May 6 - 8 NWEA and DIBELS assessments

Tuesday, May 13 NightHawk Ranch service project

Thursday, May 15 8th grade presentations

Thursday, May 22 Science Expo (no afternoon bus)

Monday, May 26 Memorial Day - no school

Wednesday, May 28 Badger Creek field trip

Thursday, May 29 Graduation Starts at 11:00am / POTLUCK LUNCH - Item list to bring will be in upcoming ponies throughout May.

Notes:

- 1) We are in need of classroom snacks to get through the rest of the year. We greatly appreciate anyone who is and can donate snacks to their classrooms.
- 2) Mrs. MacDonald's class could use some donated items (anything you want to purge from home will work) for her school store by Thursday.
- 3) We are in need of wax for our annual fire starter fundraiser. Please donate by Tuesday, May 27

MORE PICS OF EASTER EGG HUNT LAST WEEK



