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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR POND?

I hope you all had a nice weekend! I didn't really do much, but had the opportunity to go to see Alan Jackson for free—we passed. It was raining and we just felt like getting Mexican and ice cream after instead!

This week we'll be starting to practice some things that up to this point we've only been talking about. One thing is our Reading Response Journals—they'll be due this week on the assigned days. I look forward to reading what the kids have written about their books and interests. This week we'll also be meeting with Literature Circle groups which should be a lot of fun!

While we were in the computer lab last week, I learned that most of the kids don't

know how to save an image. This week we'll learn how to find images and save them. More importantly, we'll learn how to create a folder (and sub-folders) to keep our things organized. You wouldn't believe how many adults don't know how to do this! Better to learn when you're young I say!!

This is the last week to work on the NC State Symbols Projects. They are due Monday, August 31st. If your child needs help, please let me know! On the 31st, the book orders are also due!!

Have a frog-tastic week!

:) Mrs. Walker

HOMEWORK



MONDAY Math: HW p.63 and Remembering p.64 Spelling: Take Home Task 5

TUESDAY NONE!

WEDNESDAY Math: Bar Graph: "The Need for Speed" & Remembering p. 66

THURSDAY Math: "Double Bar Graph" p. 35



LANGUAGE ARTS NEWS



READING

This week we'll be taking the first Blue Diamond in reading! We'll take the test Monday and then review on Tuesday. On Wednesday we'll begin our next set of focus lessons by learning about Metacognition [2.0]- thinking about thinking. Basically, we'll learn what to do when we don't understand what we're reading.

WRITING

We haven't had a lot of time to work on our writing, so for this entire week, we'll be free writing. The kids will have the whole week to complete their Grown-Up Rules, their Seed Book story, and any other writing that they'd like to work on. I'll be pulling them in groups to conference and hear all about what they're working on. I can't wait!!

WORKING WITH WORDS

On Monday we'll do our Word Preview. Be sure to ask your child about this activity. It seems to be their favorite! We write our five CORE words into our WWW notebooks, and then we clap, snap, chant, and sometimes dance our words! The kids always enjoy coming up with new ways to "sing" their words!

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Spelling Words



Bed Measure Base
Straight Correct






MATH NEWS

This week we'll be starting our unit on data collection and analysis. This is always one of my favorite units to teach in math! We'll be looking at Pictographs and Vertical Bar Graphs on Monday and then taking the second Blue Diamond on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, we'll be looking at Bar Graphs [Vertical and Horizontal] and

the kids will be practicing how to create their own bar graphs.

On Thursday, we'll do an activity called, "Favorite Subjects" and the kids will be graphing the data that they're given. This will be used for a grade [objective 4.0].

On Friday, we'll begin multi-step word problems. We'll learn about different strategies to help with word problems!

WISH LIST



- SNACK (CRACKERS, PRETZELS, CHEESE-ITS)
- DONATE TO THE "MATH CENTERS GAMES" GRANT ON DONORSCHOOSE.ORG!! EMAIL ME FOR MORE INFORMATION! WE'RE OVER 1/2 WAY WITH COLLECTING ENOUGH TO FUND THE GRANT!!



SOCIAL STUDIES & SCIENCE NEWS



I sent home the social studies tests on Friday and I hope you were as excited as I was! The class did so well on their first tests!!! I heard a lot of the kids say that they felt really prepared because they studied with the study guide. That's the whole point to me giving the study guide—want them to feel successful!!

Now that they've survived the first test, they know what to expect for the rest of the tests. They will always have a study guide and will follow the same format.

Just a reminder—the NC State Symbols projects are due a week from Monday!

This week we'll be starting our Magnetism and Electricity unit in science. It should be a lot of fun! This week, we'll be learning about electrical currents and connections—and finding conductors and insulators!



MORNING WORK

NC Daily for the week:

The State Motto, Natural Resources in NC, the 1st government in NC, Maya Angelou, and NC Cities on the Map.



SPECIALS FOR THE WEEK



Monday- P.E. 2	Tuesday- Computer Lab
Wednesday- Media	Thursday- Music (They'll need their recorders!!!)
Friday- P.E. 1	



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COMING EVENTS!



8/25/09- Ident-i-Kid Pictures Taken & NO HOMEWORK CLUB!!!

8/28/09- Citipass Fundraiser ends—please return all unsold books/envelopes and money!!

8/31/09- Book Orders are Due and so are NC State Symbols Projects!

9/2/09- Early Release Day [Dismissal is at 1:10]

9/7/09- Happy Labor Day! No School!!

9/14/09- Outstanding Offer Literacy Training from 4:00-4:20 in the Media Center

9/17/09- Offers On Stage [Drama Club] letters of interest are due back to Ms. Allen!!

