

THE WALKER TIMES

THE FROG-TASTIC NEWSLETTER OF MRS. WALKER'S 4TH GRADE

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HOMework

MONDAY

Math: Lesson 3 Addition

Spelling: Take Home Task 9 (-er Suffixes)

TUESDAY

Math: HW p. 89 and Remembering p.90

Cursive: "Attitude" p.1

WEDNESDAY

Math: "Take Cover"

THURSDAY

Grammar: "At the End" -er, -est Suffixes

WISH LIST

- **Bean Bag Filler (Peanuts)**
- **Snack (Pretzels, Cheese-Its)**
- **Donations for our Time For Kids grant on donors choose. If everyone gave \$5 our grant would be funded!!**

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Hello! Can you believe that this is the last week of the 1st quarter? Where has the time gone?? In any event, it's been a wonderful nine weeks, and I've really enjoyed watching the progress and growth that all of the children are making!

This weekend my husband and I went to the DPAC to enjoy Cirque Dreams Illusions. It was very interesting and entertaining. We are excited about our next show... Grease with Taylor Hicks!

The class t-shirts have been ordered and should be here anytime! Thank you to everyone who donated additional money!! Everyone will have a shirt!! I think you'll really like them when you see them!

This week we'll be fortunate to enjoy a week with a Writer in Residence. This is an awesome opportunity that the PTA is able to provide. Our writer will be with us Monday through Friday from 10:55-11:55. Be sure to ask your child what they learned each day!

I'm going to be sending home a sign-up for conferences. I've already scheduled a few parents, so some times are not available, but if you have a time that you'd like and you don't see it, please just let me know. This year, there are several teachers having conferences at the same time on two designated days (October 7th and 8th from 4:00-7:00). I will also be doing conferences during my planning (I can only do one at that time).

Report cards will be coming home on Friday. Please let me know if you have any questions. We'll have time to discuss concerns at conferences, but if you'd like a conference before the 7th and 8th, just let me know!

Just a reminder, the book order for October is due September 28th (a week from Monday). You can order online with a credit card, or send in a check made out to Scholastic Book Clubs.

Have a hoppin' week!

Mrs. Walker



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This week your child will have cursive homework (on Tuesday). Please work with your child if they struggle with letter/word formation. I will be collecting the samples and determining which students need additional practice. I would like to have cursive clinics during the 2nd and 4th quarters. I know that Tuesday has been busy with chorus, so I may designate Monday as the day for Cursive Clinics. Please let me know if you would like to sign your child up for this practice opportunity!

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LANGUAGE ARTS NEWS

READING

This week we'll be finishing our predicting and previewing lessons for expository (nonfiction) text. We'll take the Blue Diamond on Tuesday.

All of the literature circle groups are in the final week for their books. Be sure to ask your child about how their book ended! I think the kids have done a frog-tastic job this quarter!

For the second quarter, we'll be focusing on nonfiction text with new groups.

Our small group focus this week will be on making inferences.

WRITING

We will be spending our week writing with our **Writer in Residence**.

W.W.W.

Our grammar focus for this week will be on the **-er** and **-est** suffixes.

OAK GROVE NEWS

All students who arrive on campus in the morning or leave in the afternoon by private vehicle must use the carpool area and system.

SPELLING WORDS

Plan Rather Bright Sent Present



MATH NEWS

We are going to be learning about addition and subtraction change problems, and incorporating algebra with these equations. We'll also be learning about addition and subtraction collection problems with break apart drawings. We'll be taking the Blue Diamond for math this week as well.

CONTACTING MRS. WALKER

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Planning 10:10-10:55 4 days a week

MORNING WORK

MONDAY

"That's Tremendous"- NC State Tree

TUESDAY

"Know Your Rivers"- NC Rivers

WEDNESDAY

"Sot Weed"- Tobacco

THURSDAY

"Gold!"- 1st Gold Nugget Discovered in US

FRIDAY

"What Time Is It?"- Time Zones

SPECIALS INFORMATION

On Monday we'll be going to the computer lab in place of P.E.2. Last week we started to learn about blogging. The kids were very interested in captcha, and how it relates to security. This week, we'll all try to post a blog for our pen-pals in Texas.

Tuesday we have Art

Wednesday we have Media and the kids will need to get a book to read to/with their book buddy in Ms. Parker's 1st grade class.

Thursday we have music- don't forget your recorder and music folder!!

Friday we have P.E. 1

COMING EVENTS

- Tuesday 9/22/09-NO CHORUS!!!! Parent Meeting for Overnight Field Trip 6pm (children should not attend in media center.
- Friday 9/26/09- End of 1st Quarter! Report Cards coming home!!
- Monday 9/28/09- October Book Orders are due by 4pm
- Tuesday 9/29/09- First Field Trip to NC Capitol/ Legislative Buildings! 9:30-11:30 and then lunch at Kids Together Park in Cary 12:00-1:00
- Wednesday and Thursday 10/7/09-10/8/09 Conferences 4:00-7:00
- Tuesday 10/13/09- First On Demand Writing Task (Tracks 1 and 3)
- Thursday 10/15/09- Help Mrs. Walker Track out of room 607!! 4:00-5:00 Please let me know if you can help!!