

Week of: September 2, 2019

Monday: No School

Tuesday - Friday:

- ELA (Reading):
 - Our story is: A Cherokee Stickball Game (Folktale)
 - We will be working on summarizing, sequencing events in the story, and comparing/contrasting between two stories.
 - Spelling words were sent home last Friday in the back of the red folder. Here are this week's words: think, middle, rushing, strong, pickle, sink, gravel, shrank, grinning, blank, barrel, civil, going, normal, flying
 - Vocabulary words were also sent home last Friday. Here are the words for this week: roared, humbly, pity, furious, disappointed, bellowed
 - For writing, we will be working on an opinion piece.
- Math:
 - Depending upon how your child has done on assessments, they may be further ahead than some of their peers. Some students are still working on addition of 3 digits, some are on subtraction and some are working with data and graphs. All of the students will do all of the topics but I want to be sure that they have the basic foundational skills before moving onto more strenuous topics. Pay attention to their homework and you will see what they are working on in class.
- Social Studies:
 - We are working on the history of Aiken and some of the fabulous places to visit here.
- Science:
 - We are still observing our Ant Farm and have begun talking about plant life cycles. On Wednesday, we will begin our plant observation journals of "Frank". Frank is a plant that can grow in soil or in water and we will be watching the roots structures begin to grow in water.
- Homework:
 - I have sent home math packets. These are for the entire week, not just one night. If it says optional, it is not required to be done. Do it if you *really* want to but it is not necessary to return to school as your child has already proven their knowledge to me on this topic. If it say optional but recommended, again, it is optional but I saw a few signs of struggling that is not hurting their grade but it wouldn't hurt to have a little more practice with the topic. If it does not say anything at all or has a teal stamp that says "You can do it!", please complete and return as homework. One page a night is more than enough.
 - For reading, please read for 10-20 minutes nightly. This can be done at any time. I just need to know they are reading outside of school and AR cannot be done solely in school. They take the reading assessments here but reading books at home helps with time and progress in their goals.

- Reflex Math should be done at least once a week at home and this can be for 15-20 minutes. I tell the students “until you get a green light”.
- Spelling City is optional but it does have our weekly spelling and vocabulary words on there and you don’t have to do anything with it. The students know how to log in and “play the games”. I have kept the past stories open for practice and the current story always opens up on Friday before we read the story.
- Upcoming Dates:
 - Sept 2: Labor Day - No School
 - **Sept 4: LS/MS/US Combined Chapel**
 - Sept 6: Spirit Day
 - **Sept 11: Grades 1-4 Picture Day**
 - Sept 21: PTO RUMMAGE SALE
 - Sept 25: See you at the Pole
 - Oct 1 - 31: STC Spooky to be Hungry - food drive
 - **Oct 4 - 10: PTO Book Fair**
 - Oct 6: Mead Hall Sunday
 - Oct 11: Teacher Workday (**No School**)
 - Oct 14: Parent / Teacher Conferences - **No School**
 - We can begin scheduling these the week prior if you prefer. Please let me know what works for you and we can get it scheduled.
 - **Oct 17: Class Pictures**
 - Oct 27: Fall Festival
 - **Oct 31: STC Halloween Parties**
 - Oct 31: “Great Pumpkins” at Mead Hall

*If there is ever anything else that I can do for you or anything you would like for me to report on in our weekly newsletter, please let me know and I will see if I can add it. Choose a great week and stay safe!

Mrs. Hawley