



What is happening in the Classroom...

I cannot believe this will be my very last newsletter for this year and for being a classroom teacher! This is pretty bittersweet! Great new job to move onto, but hard to leave what I know and love! Thank you so much for being with me on this journey! You all have been wonderful, and your kids well I cannot say enough. I have learned so much from them this year- They have made me a better teacher and person!

Our book reports are due today! Please make sure that if you didn't turn it in today, that you turn it in to me tomorrow.

This week will be the last of the "work." We will have a test in math and science this week. Please take the time to study with them for science- I will play quiz show each day and quiz them on their essay questions. Please do the same!

Look for a field day note coming home soon. This will tell you the color your child will be wearing on Monday, June 9th. In the morning we will participate in field day and clean our classroom in the afternoon. Please send your child with a few extra bags on Friday and Monday. I am pretty sure that they will need to bring extra "stuff" home!

On Tuesday, June 10th we will be headed to Sennissippi Park. We will walk to the park for the trip. This is always a fun filled day where the kids can play, play, play! If they choose to bring a whiffle ball set, soccer ball, or football, they are responsible for bringing it there and home. This is an all-day affair and we sometimes do not make it back right at 3.

Our last day of school is on June 11th. We will dismiss around 10:30 AM. Please come to Mass with us at 9 AM. We will have awards after Mass, and we will present Mr. Fitzsimmons with his gift afterwards.

Our last brown envelope for the year goes home this Friday. If you have not received a brown envelope for a bit, come into the office for the information.



Onto Business...

Spelling: We will continue our work on Unit 36 this week. Remember it is a review unit so we will have 30 words and no sentences. Be sure to study the words each night. The kids will need to know which words are abbreviations and which are not.

Religion: This week we will start our next commandment and review what we have learned. We will not test on this chapter as we will not finish it in time! We will also work on a Father's Day project for our Dad's.

Math: This will be a fun week. Our last "lesson" of the year is on 2-step fractions of a group. This is how we complete these problems.

We will then jump ahead and complete the investigation on Probability. This is always a fun lesson as we roll our dot cubes and guess what we are going to roll. We will have our test on Thursday covering lessons 1-90.

Science: Tornadoes this week! We will then move to answer our essay questions on Tuesday and we will quiz away the rest of our week to prepare for our test on Friday.

Reading: This week will be bittersweet.....we say goodbye to August Pullman, the main character in WONDER - we will finish the book and take the AR test. We will also focus on the Author's Purpose, and find out what motivated her (R.J. Palacio) to write this story.

We will also take the AR test on SIDEWAYS STORIES FROM WAYSIDE SCHOOL with our Center groups, and continue to work on our various Center activities. We will try to finish our Idiom goal of everyone bringing in at least one account of an idiom they have used away from school. So far almost everyone has shared at least one. If everyone can "get their act together", and not "lose their marbles", we will all be "in the clear!!" We really have had a lot of fun with these! This is also our last week with Scholastic News - hopefully students still have some past Scholastic News issues at home that can be read again. We have enjoyed reading about current events while working on our non-fiction reading skills.

Social Studies: Each student picked a state and printed out some information on the state. This week we put that information to good use. We will be making state brochures. We will use pictures, information and tidbits from all that information. Thank you for taking the time to find and print out that information for your child.

Language: We will be writing about our weekends, what we will miss about school, but look forward to this summer. We will also write about our last field trip and what we learned.



Our Calendar...

We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to... **Luca (6/21), Erin (7/8), and Ben (7/31)**. I am sure you will have a wonderful birthday! Please remember if you would like to bring in treats to celebrate your child's birthday just let me know. This week will be the best!

June 5th: Mass 9 AM We hope to see you there!

June 6th: Last brown envelope

June 9th: Field Day-Wear your color

June 10th: All School Picnic 9 AM-3 PM

June 11th: Last Day of School Mass @ 9 AM, 10:30 Dismissal

Have a wonderful week and summer! Keep in touch with me at jolson@stjamesrockford.org

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