



Ruhkala
Elementary

October 9

Mrs. Gottschalk Classroom Newsletter

Classroom News

The second AR term is in full swing. Please take a moment and check Home Connect to check their progress. Our goal is to have 100% participation in the AR celebration. Please encourage your child to Be Proactive with their reading.

Our Fall Festival is quickly approaching. Our class will have a Coin Toss game. Thank you to those special parents for helping with this.

Math

We are working in Unit 2, which is all about using patterns to multiply. This is an important skill to know the reasoning behind the math facts. Keep practicing at night with MFIAF. This can be located in Home Connect.

A yellow paper was sent home with Math Strategies. I encourage you to keep this handy. This will help explain math strategies during HW time.

This and that...

- Each AR term a reading log is sent home. Each student is required to read each night for at least 20 minutes. The new reading logs are coming home soon.
- Also, we will have spelling tests every Friday. This is done online through SpellingCity.com.

Lastly, please check their planners each night. There is a place for your initials to verify you saw their planner and they are doing their nightly reading.

Homework Folders

These folders are a special organizational tool. I have noticed that many students are not cleaning out their folders each night. Also, please check their planners for helpful information.

Language Arts

We have started our Myths unit. This is a perfect genre to study while investigating the solar system. The main focus of Myths is to understand the story elements and retell these myths from different cultures. Strategies and skills such as compare/contrast, inferring, theme and character analysis will be explored through this genre.

We will also begin looking at text features such as captions, heading etc...This is the perfect time to start looking at nonfiction texts.

Science

Over the next six weeks, we will become experts on the Solar System and how objects in travel in regular patterns. The investigations, stories, writing will reflect topics in space. This is a great unit and easily becomes a favorite.

On Tuesday, October 13, students will be given an information letter describing a solar system project they will do at home. It is not due November 13th. This is an exciting project to showcase their talents and what they have learned.

Upcoming Events

October 28th: Discovery Space Museum

October 28th: Fall Festival