



Last Week's Happenings



Paideia Seminars

Last week, I experienced the BEST Paideia seminar I have EVER experienced in my teaching experience! These kiddos' higher level thinking continues to blow my mind. True higher level academic conversations is the best way to grow our gifted readers. I wish you all would've been there to see! I anticipate more of these in the not-so-distant future. 😊



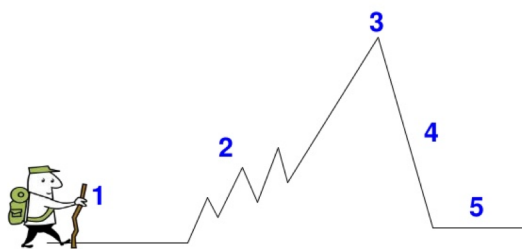
Science Explorations

HUGE shoutout to Mrs. Rasmussen for coming in to facilitate a science experiment involving convection! The kids loved it! Please let me know if there are any ideas any of you have for a science experiment/stem activity involving convection! We would love to have you!

Plotting Plot

Last week we were introduced to elements of plot (no, not your average "plot mountain"!) and analyzed higher level texts by looking closely at how the different elements of plot relate to the overall story.

Plot Diagram



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

THANK YOU to everyone who made our August and September babies have the best birthday celebration in the school! You guys went all out- you rock!



Happening This Week...

Math

Last week, students were introduced to their Topic 2 pathway and introduction activity. This week we are working on using place value models to add and subtract decimals and using standard algorithm to add and subtract decimals. Math homework for this week is pages 93-94 from their envision books and is due Friday. All activities for Rows 2-3 will be due on Friday as well (these are done in class).

Reading

This week, we will continue in our Perspectives Unit by practicing applying elements of plot to other rigorous text. We will look at different types of conflict in texts and learn how conflict adds to the meaning of a story. We will then study characters and describe them as protagonist or antagonist, analyze their relationships with other characters in the text, and use strong adjectives to describe them. New Reading Choice Board is up on my website and 100pts work of activities are due FRIDAY!



Writing

They will also write a poem about an ordinary moment in their life, using descriptive details to make it more interesting!

WORD WORK

We started our Caesar's English launching lessons this week! For the first two weeks, word work word lists and stems will be completed in class. 😊. Word List will be on my website by Friday, and test for this list will be next Friday!

Content

Science: This week in science we will be learning all about radiation! On Friday, we will be creating pizza box solar ovens to see it in action! We will be "cooking" s'mores using leftover birthday celebration treats (thanks Mrs. Smith!)
Social Studies: None due to MAP testing.

Notes from Ms. Watson 😊

- Check out **NEW READING CHOICE BOARD** on our website! www.mswatsonsfifthgrade.weebly.com
- Our first Classroom Economy Celebration will be **THIS FRIDAY!** Students will be able to "buy" activities/treats based on how much "money" they have in their account! Please check class dojo daily, as I will be really cracking down this week. 😊. Be on the lookout for a sign up coming for treats to bring in on Friday for our shoppers!
- Curriculum Night Presentation is posted on my classroom website!
- Math MAP testing will be held in class on Thursday, beginning as close to 9:30 as possible.
- PLEASE SEND IN PIZZA BOXES AND TIN FOIL BY FRIDAY IF YOU ARE ABLE! WE NEED THEM FOR OUR SCIENCE EXPERIMENT ON FRIDAY! THE MORE THE MERRIER!! 😊
- I will be sending home information soon regarding First Quarter conferences
- Progress Reports will be sent home this Thursday!

Important Dates

- 10/1 rent due ;p
- 10/4 Thursday
Folders/Progress Reports go home
- 10/4 Math MAP testing
- 10/5 Classroom Economy Shopping Day
- 10/5 Math pgs. 93-94 due and all row 1 and 2 activities due
- 10/5 Reading Homework due
- 10/6 Men of Irwin Cleanup Day
- 10/20 Irwin Fall Festival

