

"I'll take Phonics for 200, Please!"



In the above picture you can just imagine the intensity in our room as the Giants just barely beat the Eagles.

Dear Parents,

Can you believe that we are already half-way through the school year? I surely can't! In celebration of the half-way point, we played a game of Jeopardy that reviewed many important skills we learned in school thus far. I was very proud of the students and impressed with their ability to recall facts and use acquired problem solving skills to correctly answer the "game questions."

Here's an update on the topics we will cover in the upcoming weeks of school.

Reading/Language Arts: We will continue small reading groups, focusing on reading strategies and comprehension. Reading centers will focus on inflectional endings, suffixes, and prefixes. Throughout the next couple of months, we will also be working diligently to improve our writing skills and techniques as we work on our Bare Books!

Spelling: We will continue to use the Rebecca Sitton spelling program. The students will continue to learn approximately 4 new words each week and then do activities with each word.

Math: We will continue to study Chapter 5 on double digit addition. The students are doing quite well with the concept of regrouping. However, many students would greatly benefit from additional practice at home with addition and subtraction facts.

Science: We are beginning our Unit on Weather, which includes the water cycle, storms, weather forecasting, and many more exciting topics! Hopefully students will get the chance to record at least 1 inch of precipitation in their rain gauges!

Upcoming Events/Important Dates:

- Report cards will be distributed on Monday, January 29th.
- Our Valentine's Day Party will be held on February 14th. Students are welcome to bring in Valentines in for their classmates. If you need a list of the students in our class, I would be happy to send one home. Just let me know.
- With the cold weather that has finally arrived, please remember to dress your child appropriately.
- I would like to thank you all for your consistency in signing your child's planner. The students' organizational skills and responsibility levels continue to improve and it is a great way for us to keep in contact. As always, feel free to write me a note or send me an email if you ever have any questions or concerns.