

Holmes 5th Grade Newsletter

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Sept. 5 - Labor Day, No school

Sept. 26 - No school, Waiver Day

September - Attendance Awareness Month

Language Arts - Mrs. Hibbs

Activity Update:

We have been working on learning how to have meaningful discussions in the classroom centered around a specific topic. Students have learned to follow agreed upon rules for discussion as well as how to make our conversations intentional and purposeful.

We will ~~be reading~~ the book ~~by Gary Paulsen~~ by Gary Paulsen over the next month. We started the book last week and students are enjoying it so far. We will be practicing and learning to do what good readers and writers do while reading this book together in class. We will also use several other short stories in the same genres (realistic fiction, survival, adventure) to learn to compare and contrast themes and topics in literature.

Learning Target:

I can compare and contrast stories in the same genre on their approaches to similar themes and topics.

I can demonstrate an understanding of figurative language, word relationships and nuances in word meaning. I can use relationships between words to better understand each of the words.

Vocabulary:

genre, homophone, homograph, homonym, synonyms/ antonym, compare/ contrast, characters, setting, plot (elements)

Math - Mr. Keeton

To begin the year we are working with basic orders of operations. Students will be reviewing basic multiplication, division, addition, and subtraction facts. We will move on from there to understanding place-value, exponents, numerical expressions, and grouping symbols. Starting the year can sometimes be challenging

so please continue to encourage your child as we begin thinking in terms of math again. Please continue to work with your child on homework and if time allows give them random multiplication and division problems to practice.

Key Vocabulary: Place Value, Inverse Operations, Expanded Form, Word Form, Standard Form, Base, Exponent, Numerical Expressions, Order of Operations.

Upcoming Dates: - September 2nd Mid-Chapter 1 Assessment.

September 15th Chapter 1 Test!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. For more information please visit our math class website at:

<https://sites.google.com/a/wilmington.k12.oh.us/mr-keeton-s-math-site/>

Thanks again for all your support!

Science - Mr. Krause

Activity Update: We are starting the year with some reviewing of the following scientific processes: using appropriate laboratory safety techniques, and construct knowledge and understanding in all science content areas. The students had an opportunity to look at pond organisms through powerful microscopes. They observed both plantlike and animal like organisms. We also completed a virtual lab on the chromebooks. The students had to experiment with plant growth, take measurements and enter data onto a table.

Data

Models

Analyze

Predictions

Evidence

Procedures

Observations

Communicate

Conclusions

Learning Targets:

- Identify questions that can be answered through scientific investigations.
- Use appropriate mathematics, tools and techniques to gather data and information.
- Develop descriptions, models, explanations and predictions
- Recognize and analyze alternative explanations and predications (the act of predicting)

Social Studies - Mrs. Goings

Activity Update: Currently, we are exploring careers. Students have investigated careers from different areas and will be using research to write a short essay. When we've finished investigating, we will move on to how these economics and how different careers are located in different parts of countries and how that contributes to countries trading with other countries.

If you would like to see what we are doing in class, please follow my Instagram account, aliciagoings.

