



KAVANAUGH'S NEWS-ROOM 6



Leader in Me Corner:

Our focus this cycle is Emotional Bank Accounts. Check the back for information on what we will be learning!

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IMPORTANT

DATES:

- *April 2-6th- Spring Break, school resumes April 9th
- * April 9th- Spring Break Extra Credit due
- *April 11th- Social Studies Mstep ALL MORNING!
- *April 12th- GDS Performance 7 p.m.
- *April 12th- Spring Pictures/Lockdown Drill
- *April 13th- Half Day End of M.P.

Sharpen the saw and enjoy your spring break! Upon returning, students will start our online state assessments (M-Step). Please read the note on the back of this newsletter for our schedule and tips!

The week ahead: April 9th

Math: Students are given math homework every day. Please make sure your child is using their Math Interactive Notebook while completing that homework. **Classes A and B are continuing to pilot a new math program called Math Expressions while class C will be piloting a program called Everyday Math. All classes are working on Fractions.** The three classes will be working on similar concepts but moving forward at different rates. Therefore, it is imperative that you check your child's agenda daily.

S.T.E.M (Science): Our focus question this cycle: Why do the water levels change within the Great Lakes? Students will continue their investigations on why water levels change over time. **Extra credit Mstep practice paper is due Monday, April 9th. Over the break, please look at the science investigation packet with your child. They have had this packet since November! Science Fair investigations are due Monday, May 14th.**

Writing: When the students return from spring break we will begin Unit 6 Pronouns. This unit should go quickly. We only have one unit left of grammar after that. In writing we will be focusing on narrative essays and poetry.

Social Studies: We will continue our colony investigations by discussing the middle colonies. Students have a graphic organizer glued into their notebooks that we are working on. **Extra credit Mstep practice paper due Monday, April 9th.**

Spelling: Unit 28. Test is Thursday and Contract due Friday. **Unit 30 Spelling Extra Credit due Monday, April 9th.**

Reading: We will finish Unit 3: Week 2

Essential Question: How can learning about nature be useful?

Genre Focus: Fantasy

Reading Strategies: Theme, Summarize, and Context Clues

ABC Book Deadlines (Mrs. Kavanaugh collects): . 12 letters are due Friday, April 13th. 18 Letters due Monday, April 30th.

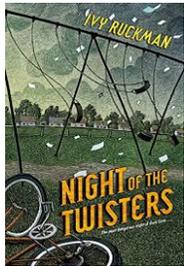
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Monthly Read-Aloud:

We finished the book and also did a video conference with a storm chaser! Ask your child what they learned from this video conference. On April 13th, we will watch the movie! Students will then create a summary comparing the book and the movie.

Leader in Me Corner-Emotional Bank Account

You get out of relationships what you put in to them.

We will be introducing a routine with where there will be slips of paper available for students to write a positive note to a classmate or the class in general. After some time, I will share notes with students/class. At conferences, you deposited into your child's emotional bank account by writing a note to them. During our mentor group time, we put together cards that will be donated to a local senior citizens home. The goal of this is to deposit into their emotional bank accounts, which essentially helps to fill ours!



M-Step Tips and Tricks

It is crucial that your child is arriving at school on time. Please also try

to not schedule any vacations or doctors appointments on these testing days. There are makeup days allotted

in the schedule, but students will be pulled out of the room and will miss instruction time to makeup their Mstep test. We will start the Mstep around 9:20 a.m. Once our classroom begins the test, our classroom is set and ready to go. All of our testing is in the morning with specials being moved to the afternoon. This year, the state has issued several new proctor rules for the administering of the Mstep. One major rule change is that students cannot be eating a snack at their desks during the Mstep test. Therefore, it is very important that they have a good breakfast and had a great nights sleep on testing days. Once the entire class finishes a section of the test, we will pause for a "snack break". Mstep is untimed, so I'm not sure when this would be but students will have that time at some point to eat their snack. Please talk to your child about taking their time and doing their best on these assessments. As their teacher, I am proud of whatever their score may be as long as they've tried their best. I am lucky to call these kiddos my students ☺

Rest up and Enjoy your spring break!!

Our MStep Schedule:

April 11th Social Studies MStep
Part 1 and 2
April 17th ELA Cat
April 24th Math CAT
April 25th Science