

Eureka Class Newsletter

4th, 5th, 6th Grades Mrs. Driskill and Mr. G Room 8 Friday, September 16, 2011

Important Dates

Recycle Every Friday

Wednesday, September 21st—
International Day of Peace

Friday, September 23rd—Noon
Dismissal

Friday, September 30th—CSUS
Aquatic Center Field Trip

Coloma (\$20) and Mission
Springs (\$30) due

Curriculum Highlight

Students have been working with Ms. Jill on the 6+1 Writing Traits. They've been focusing on their rough drafts and are coming up with some creative ideas.

Next Week's Homework

Wordly Wise Lesson 5
(Due Friday)

Daily Accelerated Math
(Due Daily)

Read 30 minutes per night
(Due Friday) and record in
student planner

Have parents initial work plan
(Due Tuesday)

Dear Families,

Accelerated Math Home Connect: Be sure to check out this option for math. 9-12 students practice both math concepts (hands-on, Montessori lessons) and math computations (abstract, Accelerated Math lessons).

Their homework is a follow up on their Accelerated Math lessons. Students receive daily lessons and are expected to finish their "practice" sheet at home. While we frequently work on organizational skills, many students are forgetting to bring their yellow math folders to and from school. Well, we have a great solution...all students have access to the Accelerated Math Home Connect, which allows students to reprint their homework. They can also input their answers, view examples, and see how many objectives they've mastered. There are directions on the class website, and please let me know if you need any assistance.



Wish List

- ~~5 gallon fish tank (cracked ok) for our soon to be classroom walking stick bugs~~ Thank you
- ~~Sanitizing wipes~~ Thank you
- Black cardstock
- ~~Flowers for our outdoor pot~~ Thank you
- Microwave Oven (used ok)

Homework:



Student receive their **Wordly Wise** books every Monday, and they are due Friday. The students can leave these books at home during the week, as we have extra copies at school for in-class assignments.

Furthermore, **Accelerated Math** is assigned every day and due the following day. There is a handful of students working diligently in order to finish their math homework at school. If this is the case, your child has been instructed to bring home his/her math to share with you. It will always be in a

yellow or red paper folder. The graded assignments are on the left (these can stay at home), and homework is on the right.

The 30 minutes of **nightly reading** is to be recorded in the student planner. This serves as their reading log, and parents need to initial in the column that says "PI."

The previous week's **work plan** goes home every Monday starting next week.

Parent Hours: Thank you to the parents who cut the new materials for us. We really appreciate it. Don't forget to log those parent hours. We also have LOTS more materials to be cut (it would be best with a paper cutter). Stop by or send us an email if you're available to help cut. In addition, if any parents know how to operate the laminating machine, we could use help in that area.

Healthy Snacks: Students need to be sure to pack healthy snacks for their morning munchies. We look forward to developing a healthy community snack schedule for Fridays in the near future.

Communication: We send home daily communication folders for you to send us notes or forms. However, feel free to email us, call us, or catch us at car line. Face-to-face contact is always preferred, so we're also available to meet with you before or after school.

Parent Volunteers: After the classroom normalization period ends, we would love to have parent volunteers come in the classroom. Many parents indicated at back-to-school night that they have special talents or skills they could share with the class. Please email me if there's a convenient time for you. In the meantime, if a particular project comes up where we need you, we'll be sure to make a connection.

~Mrs. Driskill and Mr. G