

Emerald Room

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Homework:

Reading : 30 minutes/day

Summaries should reflect your child's grasp for events, feelings, and cause and effect situations in the book. We have requested that students find and provide examples of these in what they read. Reflections should include information developing a picture of what the protagonist in the story is like.

Vocabulary Homework

Monday 12/5 - Review lesson 7 "A". Write sentences using first five words on the list.

Tuesday 12/6 - Review list of synonyms and antonyms, as well as lesson 7 "B". Write sentences using words 6-10 on the list.

Wednesday 12/7 - Review lesson 7 "C" and "D." Write sentences using words 11-15 on the list.

Thursday 12/8 - Review lesson 7"E".

Wax Museum Monday 12-14 Complete and Polish Presentation.

Rosetta Stone and Kto8 Technology Lessons

It is very heartening that some students have completed quite a few lessons in the Rosetta Stone program that they are ahead of the completion schedule. Unfortunately, some students have just barely begun. K to 8 lessons have been started and are progressing. These appear to be more of a challenge. Break time in December and January would be a good time to review these areas. Some students just need to achieve a balance by completing more K to 8 lessons. Others need to complete lessons in both areas.



Students Are Working On:

Character development trait - Honesty

Math -We are moving to the challenges of multiple digit multiplication and division and delving deeper into fractions and decimal numbers. We are continuing to read scales, collect and organize data to find meaning in numbers in everyday applications.

Language - We are using parts of speech to analyze sentences. In addition to *Father Serra the Brave Adventurer* and the *Island of the Blue Dolphin*, we have been engaged in writing with description and details about the literary elements of character, setting and plot.

Cultural:

The current rotation will have the 5th graders covering Chemistry, the 4th graders will be completing our study of Electricity and Magnetism in the Emerald room and California History in Onyx.

Upcoming Dates:

12/15/11 Wax Museum Presentations

12/16/11 Minimum Day

12/19/11 - 1/6/12 Winter Intersession - No School

1/9 Regular Classes Resume

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