



The Bevilacqua Bulletin

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Classroom News

Wow! Time is sure flying by! I cannot believe it is already November and the first term will be coming to a close shortly! What a great start we have had to fifth grade. The students in our class continue to work hard every day and are working on being considerate and conscientious students! I know we will be celebrating our first Theme Day for filling up our Catching Compliments glove in no time!



Curriculum News

In Math, we are continuing to work on place value, rounding, and addition and subtraction of both whole numbers and decimals. Pretty soon we will be working on addition and subtraction of fractions. I have added a great online math tool to my website that the students can use to help with homework. It is listed under Virtual Manipulatives. It has base 10 blocks, place value charts, fraction circles, and all sorts of other great manipulatives the students can use to help them with what we are working on in class. The best part about it is that it is a free website for the kids to use! I plan on introducing it with the students in the classroom to help understand some of the concepts we have been talking about in math. Please feel free to click on the link on my website to check it out.

In Language Arts, we are continuing with the first unit in Reader's Workshop, on Character Studies. We are also going to be starting literature circles, now that the students enjoyed the novel Red Kayak by Priscilla Cummings. Students will be reading either The Journey Back by Priscilla Cummings (the sequel to Red Kayak), Hatchet by Gary Paulsen, or Peak by Roland Smith. We will be continuing to develop our character studies and discuss other story

elements, including setting, plot, and the story's conflict. In Writing, we will be finishing our unit on the personal narrative and will be starting our unit on Information writing within the next few weeks. We will also be focusing on ways to respond to texts and work on our open response writing.

In Science, we will be finishing up our unit on the Sun, Moon, and Earth, and will start our unit on minerals, weathering and erosion, and soil.

Me, Oh! Maya! In Social Studies, we are continuing our time travel with our unit on ancient civilizations. We will be finishing them up within the next few weeks and will be moving on to our unit of study of the victorious Vikings!



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Noon dismissals for conferences will be held on November 20th and 21st. Remember that the conferences on the 21st are night conferences. Please be on the lookout for a Sign-Up Genius email that was sent home on Friday, October 27th for you to sign up for a conference. It may go to your SPAM email folder, so let me know if you do not receive it.



Thanksgiving Recess

There will be noon dismissal on Wednesday, November 22nd for Thanksgiving Recess.

I hope you all enjoy your well deserved time off with your families and friends! Happy Thanksgiving!

