



Classroom News



Announcements/Reminders

Independent Reading: The students have expressed their excitement that we completed our last Book Buzz of the year. ...but that doesn't mean they should stop reading! My suggestion is to find a series that they love so that they can seamlessly transition between books through the summer. Fantasy is always a great genre for independent reading - often times students can read fantasy books at a higher reading level because the content is so intriguing. I would suggest reading any of Rick Riordan's series (Percy Jackson, Magnus Chase, Trials of Apollo, etc). In 5th grade students will study Greek and Latin roots and connecting to Greek Mythology will help them with this word work.

Scholastic Book Club: Scholastic Book Orders will now ship directly to homes! Visit the Scholastic Book Club site and it will direct you to the Online Pop-Up Shop for home deliveries. Our class code is: **K2GHQ**

Curriculum Focus

Reading and Writing

We started our new unit in Reading - Historical Fiction Book Clubs! Students have been given a book to read with a small group of their classmates. They will have literature circle "jobs" each week and they will meet virtually to discuss their books. I will also join their small group discussions. We have also begun our whole-group read aloud "Number the Stars". Please remind your child that they should NOT read ahead in either book as we will have many discussions on the books and don't want them to give away information. We will begin to develop reading responses to "Number the Stars" in preparation for our next writing unit on literary essays.

Mathematics

Module 5 are covering FRACTIONS! The next topic in Module 5 provides students with the opportunity to use their understandings of fraction addition and subtraction as they explore mixed number addition and subtraction by decomposition.

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, April 29th - 2:45pm Pacific Teacher Bike Ride
(West of Pacific - map TBD)

Monday, May 25th - No School, Memorial Day

May 23-30th - MBEF Wine Auction, Online Auction and Paddle Raise to fund teachers (including myself)

Spelling: Sort 31 er, ir, ur

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| 1. person | 11. hurry |
| 2. spirit | 12. turtle |
| 3. further | 13. furnish |
| 4. birthday | 14. Thursday |
| 5. thirsty | 15. purpose |
| 6. birdbath | 16. dirty |
| 7. during | 17. certain |
| 8. firmly | 18. mermaid |
| 9. perfect | 19. perhaps |
| 10. merry | 20. service |
| | 21. circle |

Wordly Wise: Lesson 16

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| 1. apt | 11. practice |
| 2. blossom | 12. prune |
| 3. bough | 13. stout |
| 4. content | 14. threadbare |
| 5. detest | 15. wander |
| 6. dusk | |
| 7. extinguish | |
| 8. familiar | |
| 9. obtain | |
| 10. orchard | |



April Birthdays

4/10 - Cameron

Upcoming Tests/Assignments

April 24th - Wordly Wise, Lesson 15 Test

May 1st - Spelling Sort 31 Test

May 8th - Tentatively Math End-of-Module 5 Test

