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The Reynolds and Syrjala Express

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Language Arts

We're well into our newest novels at this point. Your child has a large Ziploc bag in which to carry these books. In this Ziploc bag you'll also find a calendar for the month with each reading assignment for their current book. This is meant to help students and families plan ahead. Please help your child use this tool.

We've started our literary essay unit in writing. We're using the books we're reading in literature circles to help us with this unit. I've also supplied each child with a packet of literature that will be helpful for this unit. I'm using our read alouds for examples in class.

Math

Adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing mixed numbers has been a challenge for the students. We will be taking the assessment over multiplying and dividing fractions this week. Then, we will be learning how to divide with two digit divisors.

Social Studies

Early settlements in North and South America is the current topic. Students have learned about the Line of Demarcation and the Treaty of Tordesillas. They have also learned about the Spanish conquistadors and explorers from other countries and their reasons for exploring.

Science

The Earth, moon, and sun is our topic in science and how they relate to each other.

Field Trip

Friday, March 2nd, we will be attending the GR Symphony and the IMAX. Cost for this trip is \$5.50 per person. We will depart around 9 a.m. and return at 3:15 p.m. **You may send the \$ in at any time.** Parents are welcome to come. We are limited to 3 parents per room for the symphony but the IMAX is unlimited. We would get to the IMAX around 12:30-1 p.m., eat lunch there and then watch Hubble. Students can bring money for snacks at the IMAX also. We would like students to dress nicely for the symphony. A nice pair of jeans and decent shirt, sweater, collared shirt, etc., would be acceptable but minimum.

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Special Points of Interest

*Please check planners daily.

Book orders are due Thursday, January 26th.

Look for Greenfield Village information coming home soon.

No school on February **6th, 17th, and 20th.**

March 2nd is the date for the Spring Carnival in which we need lots of help. Orange volunteer slips are coming home.

Student of the Month

September Syrjala– Bryon King
Reynolds– Tyra Conley

October Syrjala– Mack Wallin
Reynolds– Lyndsi Krieger

November Syrjala - Mckenzie Boyd
Reynolds - Jared Prosser

December Syrjala - Nate Silva
Reynolds - Lucy Byrne

Great job! Keep up the awesome work.