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Team Feuerstein Update

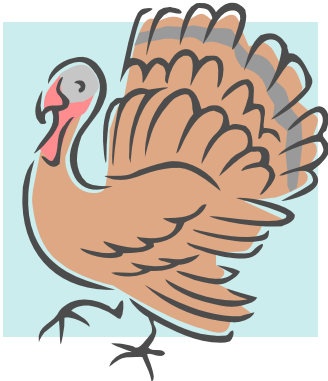
Social Studies

We are now studying Government in preparation for our field trip next week. We watched a great video reviewing what government means. We will be reading about it and making sure we are up to date before we travel to Lansing. Ask your student about the 3 branches of government and how a bill becomes a law. This will be hit hard next week!!

Math

We had two assessments this week. The first one was Common Multiples and the second one was "Greatest Common Factors". Students put forth good effort on these assessments.

Keep studying those multiplication facts at home!!!



- **NO SCHOOL**
- **Thanksgiving Break**
November 23rd—29th

School Resumes Nov. 30th

Field Trip reminders

- All money and permission slips are due ASAP (as soon as possible).
- \$5 for each student attending. Please be in touch if this is a hardship/issue.
- We are leaving Woodview at 8 a.m.— please arrive at 7:45 a.m.
- Sack lunches need to be brought for lunch.
- We will be back by 3:30 p.m.

Green Day Fridays

11/04—All students staying on green for the week were able to participate in an extra recess.

11/11—All students staying on green for the week were able to make a turkey with what they are thankful for. This was done at the end of the day. These will be hanging near our classrooms in the 4th grade hallway.

Keep up the great work Team Feuerstein!

AR Progress

Many students are making great progress towards their AR goals. Students have until November 21st to take tests. Many students have already met their goals for this trimester. Encourage your student to keep reading & testing. You can all do it!!

Writing Workshop

Last week your child finished up his/her first piece of formal writing in our personal narrative unit. We had our publishing party last Friday, and it went very well. The students laid his/her piece of writing on their desks and everyone was able to walk around and read it. It helped that the pieces were typed, and each student was asked to give at least 5 individuals feedback on their writing. It went very well! The kids were very impressed with each others' writing.

The next unit that we will be working on is essays. We will be writing non-narrative pieces that focus on children's observations, research and questions. Your child will learn how to support their essay with evidence and convey a message based on his/her own research.

Before Thanksgiving though, we will be doing a short unit on poetry. The kids will be getting an opportunity to write and research poetry. This week they began writing free verse poetry. Free verse poetry is poetry that does not have to rhyme. The lines (stanzas) can be as long or as short as they would like them to be. They don't have to follow the typical writing rules either. Next week, the students will be going to the MAC Lab to research different kinds of poetry and then they will be responsible for a way to teach it to the class. Each group should have 4-5 kids in it, and the expectation will be that they have to come up with a lesson to teach their classmates how to write that particular kind of poetry. It should be really fun!

Each week, your child gets a new word sort (words to manipulate and work with) and the old words will come home. Please get your child an old shoebox to keep these words in so that they can be worked with at home. **What I am in need of at this point for the classroom are small, snack size baggies to put our word sorts into. I will be going through over a box of 50 baggies a week. Your child will bring his/her words home in these baggies. Please don't throw the baggies and words away.** Use some of the nightly reading time, to work with your child on increasing speed categorizing and alphabetizing these words. You can even help your child increase word recognition by giving an oral spelling test. Have your child either spell it back out loud, or write it down (however your child will be successful). I do still want your child to read every night, but some of the time can be used to do some word work.



Homework policy

I require 30 minutes of reading at home every day. There is no reading log to sign, but it is the expectation that it is completed. Your child will only get better at reading if it is practiced. Please don't view this as an "extra" activity that can be skipped. In order for your child to read, and read well, it needs to become part of his/her daily routine. If your child's agenda is signed, your child will be able to participate in recess. If the agenda is not signed, your child will not be able to go out for recess. It is his/her job to be the responsible one and take the agenda home so that you can see what has been done in class. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

