



Timely Tidbits from Room 6

Wesley School • Mrs. Saenz • October 19, 2011

Dear Parents,

In literacy we are beginning *Boots for Beth* by Lisa Campbell Ernst. Our new spelling words focus on /th/, as in them, this, and with. Please continue to practice the spelling, vocabulary, and sight words that come home each week.



In math we are working on addition and subtraction up to the sum of 12. It is important that students commit these facts to memory by the end of the year. Flash cards have been sent home for you to begin practicing at home. I will send home the next group of cards very soon. Please save these for ongoing practice.

In social studies we are beginning our unit on communities.

In science, we are beginning our unit on plants. We will learn about what plants need to survive and where they can be found.

READING TESTS – You will notice that there will be few or no pictures on our story tests to help the students choose the correct words. They must now be able to read all of the words on the test. These are the same words found in the weekly stories. Please practice the stories at home with your child until they can read them fluently. They must also understand what each story is about. This will help them to be successful on our weekly reading tests.

The vocabulary words are becoming more numerous and more difficult. The students must be able to recognize them on sight. It is essential that they practice with the blue and yellow word cards every day. They are given a weekly vocabulary quiz in which they must fill in the blank using the correct vocabulary word from a “Word Bank.” This assesses whether the students have actually learned the words and can read them in another context or if they have only memorized the story. Please continue to read the leveled books sent home each week to build literacy skills and fluency.

Our Halloween Party will be Monday, October 31st.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me by e-mail (your best way to reach me) at Isaenz@asd4.org or at school at 630-628-4062. I will respond as soon as I possibly can.

Our reading and spelling schedule will be as follows:

October 19–25
Boots for Beth

Spelling test–October 24
Reading test–October 25

October 26–November 1

Space Pup
Spelling test–October 31
Reading test–November 1

November 2–November 8

Where Do Frogs Come From?
Spelling test–November 7
Reading test–November 8

November 9–15

Try Your Best
Spelling test–November 14
Reading test–November 15

November 16–29

Fun with Fish
Spelling test–November 28
Reading test–November 29

Early Release Day–Nov. 18

Parent-Teacher Conferences:
November 14, 17, & 18

Institute Day: November 21

Thanksgiving Holiday:
November 22–25

November 30–December 6
I Am a Butterfly
Spelling test–December 5
Reading test–December 6

December 7–13
Did You See Chip?
Spelling test–December 12
Reading test–December 13

December 14–20
Tomas Rivera
Spelling test–December 19
Reading test–December 20

Holiday Break: Dec. 23–Jan. 6
Classes resume January 9

CLASS WEBSITE

You may access the class website in one of two ways.
You may go directly to:

<http://www.livetext.com/doc/1914518>

You may also access the it through the district website at:
www.asd4.org

Click on: Schools / Wesley / Teacher Websites and Newsletters / First Grade Website