

Les Nouvelles de la 3eme Année!

October 19, 2009

Picture Day!

Picture day is TOMORROW, October 20th.

Lac du Bois

The balance for Lac du Bois is due this week. Please send it in as soon as possible.

Students in my class who are not attending Lac du Bois will stay with me in our classroom! We'll also have a few 4th graders in our class.



Equal Exchange Fundraiser

Don't forget about our Equal Exchange Fundraiser! Order forms are due on November 6th.

Stillwater Classroom Partnership

We met our partner class last week, and had a fantastic time making friends with them! Thank you to our parent volunteer who accompanied us! Photos from the day will be up on the website soon. Look under the new "Photos" section on the classroom website. The password is 2114 (our classroom number).

Stability Balls

The stability balls are in place, and students are benefiting from them!

November 2: Ordway Field Trip

All 3rd graders will be going to the Ordway to see Yasmin Levy. More information is on its way!

French Spelling (Dictée)

This week, we will do List C:

1. je
2. tu
3. il
4. elle
5. on
6. nous
7. vous
8. ils
9. elles

Readers' Workshop (9:20)

We will begin working on reading strategies.

Writer's Workshop (10:20 am)

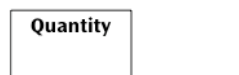
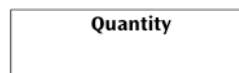
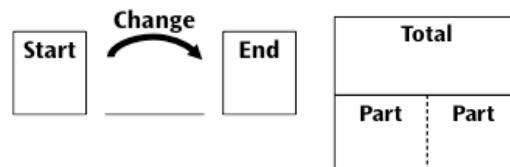
Students are publishing their poems this week.

Writing Homework

Don't forget about writing homework! Students should complete 2 writing entries this week. Some ideas include: timelines, maps, lists, poems, how-tos (recipes, directions), fiction stories, stories about your life and family, and writing about a picture. **Writing should be in French.**

Math (11:45)

We will finish Unit 2 this week. The test will be on Thursday. In Unit 2, we have been working on solving number stories with the help of different diagrams. Ask your child how these diagrams work:



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We also learned the Partial Products Algorithm, which is a way to do addition problems. Please ask your child how it works, and encourage them to use it! It's NOT the same way we learned addition when we were in school! It is what I expect to see them use on the test!

This week, we will do the following lessons:

- 2.6: Comparison Number Stories (Monday): We'll use the "Quantity/Difference" diagram above to help us solve number stories involving comparisons.
- 2.8: Subtraction Algorithms (Tuesday): We'll learn the "Trade First" and "Counting Up" methods of subtraction.
- 2.9: Addition with 3 or more Addends (Wednesday): More number stories! This time, students will solve problems with 3 or more addends (addends are sets of numbers that are to be added).
- We'll take the Unit 2 test on Thursday.

ALL Home Links are due on Thursday!

**Note: We did lesson 2.7 out of order, and completed it last week.*

English Language Arts

We have been studying famous artists and will be writing non-fiction books about them.

Library

We will visit the library at 1:30 on Thursdays this year, beginning this week!

Artist in Residence

On Wednesday and Thursday, we will work with Steve Petticow, artist in residence, marbling paper and making books! Students will use these books to publish their non-fiction books about the artist they are studying in English Language Arts.

Classroom Wish List

- Small pencil sharpeners (non-electric)

Important Dates

- Oct 20 Fall Picture Day
- Oct 23 No School, Conference Prep
- Oct 23 Carnaval des Citrouilles
- Nov 2 Ordway Field Trip
- Nov 4 Early Release
- Nov 6 Equal Exchange order forms due
- Nov 13 No School, Fall Conferences
- Nov 16-18 Lac du Bois
- Nov 26-27 No School, Thanksgiving

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