



River Ridge Elementary School
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3rd Grade News

Academics

Language Arts:

During the last two weeks our story has been "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs". We worked on the reading strategy of summarizing. We also created our own class book and chose a writing project based on this story. Look for these projects at Learning Fair! In language we have been working on graphs and suffixes. Next week in reading our story will be a nonfiction passage entitled "Pure Power", and in language we will be exploring subject and object pronouns. Next week our spelling list will contain words from Social Studies. Pretest will be on Monday and the posttest will be on Friday.

Math:

We finished up our unit on fractions today. We will be having a test over this unit on Monday. Our next unit will be multiplication and division, and we will be introduced to 2 new algorithms, the partial-products algorithm and the lattice algorithm.

Science & Social Studies:

We are currently working in Social Studies Unit 3: People Move From Place to Place.

Calendar

Midterm: April 21

Learning Fair: April 22 1:30 p.m.

Book Fair: April 22 3-6 p.m.

Third Grade Field Trip to Heitkamp Planetarium at Loras College & Dubuque Arboretum & Botanical Gardens (more info to follow next week): April 28

Spelling Words

*coal sunlight globe gas
 save millions solar lumber
 climate planet recycle fossil
 windmills fuels natural*

Challenge Words: pollution
 energy entire future model

Book Reports

200 pages should be read and book reports completed by midterm, April 21st.

April book report projects are due on April 30th.

Reminders & Announcements

Our Jump Start Student of the Week for the goal of "Including Everyone" is Laura Wills. Great job, Laura!

Our class may purchase books from the book fair during our normal library time next week, Friday April 16th. The book fair will also be open after school from 3-6 p.m on April 22nd.

The River Ridge Middle School will be presenting "Adventures of a Comic Book Artist" on April 30th at 7:00 p.m. There is also a soup and sandwich dinner from 5:00-6:30 p.m. that night sponsored by the H.S. student council. Tickets are \$4 in advance, and \$5 at the door.

Quote of the Week:
April is a promise that May is bound to keep.
 ~Hal Borland