



SECOND GRADE WEEKLY PLANS

OCTOBER 17, 2016

Virtues: Hope, Joy, and Wonder

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Aloud: Sign of the Beaver by E. G. Speare

Dear Parents,



CROSSROADS ACADEMY
Celebrating 25 Years

This Friday is the big day! The second graders will be busy painting new tree identification trail signs, doing an animal study of our still-to-be-revealed mascot, enjoying a hayride, having fun with special games and activities, and decorating cookies for school refreshments. Please join us at 3:45 so that you can cheer on our parade at 4:00. Your children will be in my charge until 5:15. At that time, I will release them to you. PLEASE tell me when you take your child so that I can keep an accurate accounting of my students. I hope to see you all on Friday!

Meanwhile, we will carry on with our classroom studies:

Language Arts: We are getting close to finishing, Sign of the Beaver. I will show the movie about Matt and Attean so that we can compare and contrast the book with the film; it also happens to be really good! This week we begin our second of 4 reading units. The theme is kindness and the first story is "Mushroom in the Rain" by Mirra Ginsburg. In addition to the reading and discussion of the story, the literacy skill involves root words and the comprehension skill is on drawing conclusions.

History: I introduced the unit on ancient India with information about the Indus River civilizations and the lost cities of Mohenjo-Daro and Harappa. We talked about how, unlike the Egyptian hieroglyphs, the symbols found on artifacts created by the people of ancient India have not been deciphered. I had the second graders create codes and use modeling medium to form tiles and figurines. When these dry, they will be painted and then the kids can use their code to leave a secret message. You will be able to see their creations in our hallway.

Math: I am anxious to begin chapter 4 but there is lingering confusion regarding regrouping for subtraction. This is an example of the type of problem that many students need to practice:

FIRST:

$$\begin{array}{r} 14 \\ 2 \cancel{4} \cancel{4} \\ - 76 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

THEN:

$$\begin{array}{r} 13 \\ 1 \cancel{3} 14 \\ \cancel{2} \cancel{4} \cancel{4} \\ - 76 \\ \hline 168 \end{array}$$

Other News:

1. Please remember that the school photos may be ordered online this year.
2. Don't forget the Moonlight Trail Hike on October 26th from 6:30 to 7:30.
3. Please consider coming to Dr. Freeberg's Core Knowledge Coffee on Friday, October 28th at 8:15 in the Library. His presentation is informative and interesting. It is well-worth your time.
4. There is no school on Tuesday, November 1st as it is a Faculty Workshop Day. Your Halloween revelers can sleep a little later.

Warm regards,

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