



Ms. Miller's FIFTH GRADE CLASSROOM

September 14, 2009



Curriculum studies

Math: The students took their test in Unit 1 on Friday, and began Unit 2 today. The next skills will be focusing on estimations, decimals, and algorithms for adding and subtracting. Please be sure your children are memorizing their multiplication facts if they don't already know them. Knowing these facts is a necessity for fifth grade concepts.

Social Studies: We are finishing up our World Lakes Unit. The students are labeling maps and researching special features as well as how these lakes are important to the people around them.

Science: The students watched chemical changes in baking bread, and made atomic models of various elements, determining the number of protons, neutrons, electrons and orbital shells, based on an element's period, group, atomic mass and atomic number.

Writing: We have been working on grammar and spelling, as well as a new way to plan a story: using a quick sketch. The students are also using fifth grade editing marks to revise and edit their writing.

Reading: As a class, we are reading the book "Hoot" by Carl Hiaasen. We have begun our literature circles, and have five different books within five groups that the students are reading. Circles are meeting each Friday to share their job and discuss important elements of the book.

Important Dates

September 14

ED TEAM Mtg. 3:15 p.m.

September 16th

The Social Studies

World Lakes test is on
Wednesday.

September 18th

PROFESSIONAL DEV.
NO SCHOOL

September 23rd

Vision and Hearing
Screening

September 24th

Grand Opening of the
School 8:45 a.m.

September 30th

Math Night 6:30 - 7:30

October 19th - 22nd

Parent / Teacher
Conferences (Evenings)

Auction prizes

If you have extra items that could be fun for students to purchase in our class auctions, or if you would like to purchase a few inexpensive trinkets, that would be wonderful! Items such as stuffed animals, books, school supplies or things that the family might like (many students purchase items for birthday or holiday gifts for their family.) We hold the class auctions every two weeks on Fridays. The students use the money they earn in their checking accounts to purchase these things. Please bring by anything you have that might work, anytime!

Thank you. ☺

CONTACT INFORMATION

**Please be sure to fill
out the yellow form
handed out titled "Tell
Me A Little About
Your Child." (Let me
know if you need
another one.) I am
gathering data as well
as getting your email
addresses from them.**

Thanks!

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