



FRIDGE NOTES

Mrs. McBride's Class Family

April 21st – April 25th

NEXT Monday, April 28th is our field trip to the Orlando Repertory Theatre to see a performance of *Freckleface Strawberry!* We will be leaving around 9:30 and returning around 1:30. We are hoping that the weather will be beautiful so we can enjoy a picnic lunch in the park outside the theater after the show. Please remember that if your child is bringing a lunch from home, make sure all items are disposable. We will be throwing everything away.

Important Dates

Monday, April 28-
Freckleface Strawberry Field Trip
Orlando Repertory Theatre

Reading

This week in reading we will review all of the skills from the past few weeks and take our Unit 5 Benchmark Test. We will break the test up into smaller chunks and work on one or two sections each day. The first few days will involve reading and analyzing texts. We will also test on all of the phonics patterns and rules we have been working on (bossy-*r* words; suffixes *-ly* and *-ful*; prefixes *un-* and *re-*; "aw" sound with *aw*, *au*, *al*, *all*, etc.). The final day will involve reading a complex text and responding in writing.

Writing

This week we will also take the Unit 5 Benchmark Test on all of the language arts skills we have been working on: adjectives; irregular verbs; and editing sentences.

Math

Our new unit in math is all about geometry! We will begin by exploring 3-D shapes. We will compare and contrast their surfaces/ faces, edges and vertices. We will also work on classifying 3-D shapes based on these attributes. A fun way to practice this skill is to ask your child to find examples of 3-D shapes using objects around the house. This unit contains a lot of new vocabulary, so try incorporating all those special geometry terms. There is also a fun app called "Draw Solid Geometry" that can help your child practice drawing 3-D shapes.

Science & Social Studies

We are beginning a new unit in science on life cycles. As a grade level, we will be observing the life cycles of ladybugs and praying mantises (yes- REAL insects!). Since most of the students already observed the life cycle of a butterfly in previous grades, we decided to focus on these unique insects instead. By studying different insects, we will be able to compare and contrast life cycles. Last week we also began observing the life cycle of a lima bean using a project we read about in the book *From Seed to Plant*. It was a great reading-science connection!