



# FRIDGE NOTES

Mrs. McBride's Class Family

April 7<sup>th</sup> – April 11<sup>th</sup>

On Friday I completed the FAIR reading assessment on all of the students. It was wonderful getting that one-one-one time to hear just how much each of them have grown as readers, as well as to see what I need to do these last 8 weeks of school to push them even further! We still have the spelling section to take. As soon as that section has been completed and inputted, I will send home the scores.

Also be on the lookout for your child's last set of STAR results. This is the test the students take to determine their AR book levels. I will also be attaching their AR goals for the last marking period. Please note that these goals might be lower than past marking periods because the media center will be closed for several weeks due to the Book Fair and FCAT testing.

Last week your child brought home spring pictures. You have 3 options:

1. Send in money to purchase ALL of the pictures
2. Return ALL of the pictures
3. Purchase some of the pictures (send in money) and return the rest.

## Important Dates

Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>-

Field Trip permissions slips and money due (sorry, no exceptions!)

## Reading

This week we will work on identifying the morals/ lessons in folktales and fables using cause-and-effect relationships. We will also compare and contrast how the main characters learn these life lessons.

For phonics we are focusing on multisyllabic words with prefixes (*re-*, *un-*, *over-*, *pre-*, *mis-*) and silent consonants (*knot*, *write*, *gnat*, *thumb*). For vocabulary, we will work on building a deeper understanding a word through the use of antonyms.

## Writing

This week in writing we will continue to learn about irregular past tense verbs. There are so many exceptions to the "add -ed" rule (*see/saw*, *run/ran*, *eat/ate*, etc.)!

We are also back to opinion writing using the OREO format. In honor of Mother's Day, the students will try to convince their readers that their mom is the BEST! This week, we will focus on brainstorming our arguments using an OREO graphic organizer. This prewriting tool should make drafting a breeze! 😊

## Math

We are continuing our unit on data and graphs. The students have really enjoyed surveying each other and are learning how to display their data in various forms, such as picture graphs and bar graphs. To make this activity even more relevant and meaningful, we will begin collecting and graphing data using our classroom Word Wall. We will take quizzes to determine how many students have mastered spelling each word and remove the words that we now know. We will use the iPad app "Teaching Graphs" to display our data. Try creating some family surveys and graphing the results using this fun app at home!

## Science & Social Studies

This week in science we are continuing to experiment with different forces, including friction, gravity and magnets.