



FRIDGE NOTES

Mrs. McBride's Class Family

December 1st – December 5th

I hope everyone had a restful and fun Thanksgiving break. Now we only have 3 weeks left before winter break and we are going to be BUSY!

This Thursday night from 6:00-7:30 is Science Night here at Bay Meadows! 5th grade will display and present their Science Fair Projects and The Orlando Science Center will have a series of hands-on STEM activities set-up for the children to explore. There will also be pizza and soda for sale so you can enjoy an easy dinner out. This is one of my favorite family events of the year! Hope to see you there!

Progress Reports go home this Friday, December 5th.

Congratulations to last week's Principal's Award winner, Tylar!

Important Dates

Thursday, December 4th -
Science Night

Friday, December 5th
Progress Reports

Reading

This week in reading, we will review all of the skills from the past few weeks and take our Unit 2 Benchmark Test. We will break the test up into smaller chunks and work on one section each day. The first two days will involve reading and analyzing texts. The third day will focus on all of the phonics patterns and rules we have been working on (final consonant blends, double consonants, consonant digraphs, *-ed* and *-ing* endings, contractions). The fourth and final day will involve reading complex texts and responding in writing. This section of the test will really push the students to use their higher order thinking skills.

Writing

This week we will also take the Unit 2 Benchmark Test on all of the language arts skills we have been working on: plural nouns, proper nouns, verbs, verb tenses and editing sentences.

We will also finish our Iroquois informational texts that we started before Thanksgiving Break.

Math

This week we will focus on word problems involving 2-digit addition. As with our previous unit, we will look for keywords and write equations to show our thinking. We will also learn how to add three 2-digit addends. On Thursday, we will review everything we've learned in preparation for Friday's test. Please make sure your child shows all his/her work on Thursday night's math review homework. It is so easy to make little computation mistakes, but students can earn half credit if I can see they used the correct strategy.

Science & Social Studies

This week we will begin a new unit in science on matter! I think that this is one of the most fun science units of the year, but it can also be one of the most difficult because of all the new vocabulary (properties, states of matter, volume, mass, etc.). We will begin by exploring solids, liquids and gases. We will compare and contrast the characteristics of each state and sort objects into the different categories. Try finding examples of solids, liquids and gases around your house or in pictures from magazines.