Holland’s Historians

Reading- Both 4th and 5th

Ready... Set... READ! I am very excited to announce that both fourth and fifth graders have begun their 40 BOOK CHALLENGE. I know that sounds like a lot of books, but the idea is to challenge them to grow as a reader. We begin every class with a reading marathon where we all read silently for at least 10 min, but gradually over time we will increase our reading stamina. Over the next month, I will be individually assessing each child to determine a “just right” and a “challenge” reading level, so they should be reading books that they enjoy and are comfortable with. With this new reading curriculum there will be no weekly reading tests, but there will be classwork assignments that emphasize ways to find evidence and support their ideas within the text.

Soc. Studies:

4th: We will begin our first unit on geography this week. There are several key landforms that we focus on. They will also be identifying each location on a map. There will be a test at the end of August. Please check the agenda for the date of this test.

5th: Citizenship and Government Review - We begin by discussing ways to be a good citizen, and we will also review the three branches of government and important documents such as the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

*Students MUST bring a book to read during reading class. We do not have reading textbooks, so their library book is considered the text book for that period. They will be asked to use their library book to do much of their classwork assignments. If they do not have their book to read for reading class, then they will lose 2 points.

Your “DAY”ly MATH News!!!

4th Grade - Our first unit is place value, and students are working to write numbers in standard, expanded and word form. In the upcoming weeks we will be rounding and comparing numbers as well as reviewing addition and subtraction.

5th Grade - This week the students reviewed place value and learned how to write numbers in expanded form using powers of ten and exponents. In the next few weeks, we will be reviewing whole number addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also incorporate the order of operations.

4th & 5th Grade Classes - Students will have homework most nights (except Friday’s), and the assignment should be listed in his/her agenda each day. Students will also be asked to write down any upcoming test reminders in their agendas as well. Please review the nightly homework assignment with your student as it will coincide with what was taught in class that day. Students will be placing all important handouts and notes in their math spiral which is to stay with them at school. The spiral is a great resource for homework help as well! If your student ever has a problem with his/her homework assignment, please have your student come see me during homeroom time so that I can help prior to math class. Feel free to always contact me with any questions or concerns.

LeBlanc’s Shining Stars

For those of you that have a child with an IEP, please make sure you noted the IEP annual meeting date I sent home on your calendar. If you did not receive this letter from me, please contact me asap. We are currently working on the SRA reading program to increase our fluency. In writing and language arts class we are working on nouns and verbs. My class will continue the Sitton Spelling program this year and we will have weekly spelling tests on Fridays. As a reminder, there will not be a spelling test that goes home to study. If this does not sound familiar to you, please let me know and I will send home the letter that explains the philosophy behind the program. In math class, we are working in the regular ed. classroom as well as working in a resource setting. I am working closely with Mrs. Day and we are correlating our lessons to the CCGPS. Let me know if you have any questions.

Your “DAY”ly MATH News!!!

FH recognized at board meeting.

School Council Meeting 16th

Uncle Peppers 22nd

CoGAT for 4th grade 20-22

Boosterthon Fun Run 23rd

Curriculum 27th

Labor Day—NO SCHOOL 9/2

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LANGUAGE is an ART with Mrs. Satterfield

We are working hard in Language Arts this year.
I am implementing Sitton Spelling with the kids this year. Sitton spelling focuses more on common words with proper usage.
Free Home was also chosen to pilot the Lucy Caulkin Writing program. I will use it in conjunction with Write to Learn—online writing program that I have used in the past and LOVE.
We will be going to the library during our language arts period. Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Power and Mrs. Day’s homerooms will go on Tuesdays and Mrs. Satterfield’s homeroom goes on Thursdays.
I have started with the basics—nouns, pronouns and verbs. We are also reviewing types of sentences and how to “raise our level of writing and speaking”.
The students have been challenged to memorize the 49 most common prepositions.
By the way, I already love your kids!

I’ve Got the SCIENCE Power

What a great first week of school!! Students are already working on the processes involved in the scientific method. Fourth and fifth grades will focus on the basic steps of this process. Fifth graders will be learning more about dependent and independent variables in regards to experiments. We have a list of words (BIG Money Words) that we will be learning to use all year long when we have class discussions and do journal writings.

The first unit for 4th grade will be ecosystems and different food chains. The 5th grade will begin a study of cells and microorganisms. The standards are located on the county website for your viewing pleasure.

A person who never made a mistake, never tried anything new.—Albert Einstein

Vocabulary words and how they are used will be a major focus of science this year. We will also be working on reading strategies for nonfiction such as articles in science magazines.

Both 4th and 5th grades will have a quiz on the scientific method on Thursday, August 15, 2013. Vocabulary will be in their science notebooks and well as a chart that has the steps listed in order. Students need to be familiar with what happens at each step of the process.

NEED TO KNOW...

Our webpages are being combined into one webpage with tabs for each teacher. We hope this will make searching for information quicker and easier for everyone. We will let you know as soon as that happens.

We collect Box Tops, Labels for Education, pop tabs from soda cans. There is a newspaper/magazine recycling dumpster by the gym. Also, if you need a Publix card to help our school, let me know. I am happy to send one home.

Remember, 5th graders are responsible for the morning broadcast.

The Boosterthon Fun Run is coming up quickly. This is a FUNdraiser for our school.

Bring Your Own Learning Device will be discussed at Curriculum Night on August 27th.