



Ms.Bove's Brainiacs

Academics:

Reading: During our EL block, the students have been using poetry to practice their fluent reading, as well as reading pourquoi tales to learn about narrative texts. We have been breaking down the structure of a narrative, including a beginning that introduces the characters and describes the situation, a middle that includes a problem and explains how the character reacts to the problem, and an ending that provides a solution to the problem and explains the purpose of the story. The students are now planning their own pourquoi tale and will be working through the writing process before publishing their work. We have also been reading Shel Silverstein's Where the Sidewalk Ends during read aloud, which the students have really been enjoying. I told them that if they are interested in memorizing a poem and reciting it for the class, I would provide them the opportunity!

Math: In math, we are now working on multi-step problems involving all four math operations. The students are learning how to analyze the "story" in the problem and think about the information provided to help them understand what pieces they need to solve for first. Students should continue to practice their multiplication facts at home. We are taking our 6's and 7's next week, followed by the 8's and 12's during the final week before break. As always, students are able to do retakes for any quizzes they don't pass. At this point, memorizing the facts should be getting easier for the students, as they are now only learning a few new facts with each round. For instance, if they have already learned their 1's, 2's, 3's, 4's, 5's, 9's, 10's, and 11's, then the only new facts they need to work on are 6x6, 6x7, 6x8, and 6x12. Please make sure they are working towards this goal!

General Information:

- We are nearing the end of our Family History project. We hope you and your child enjoyed reminiscing about family traditions and learning about their ancestors. Please make sure your child is keeping up with all parts of the project so that the final week will be stress free.
- The Project Presentations will take place on Friday, December 21st from 10:30—11:00. Parents are welcome to join us! We will continue the celebration with a winter craft from 11:00—11:45 and then a pizza lunch for the kids. Feel free to stay for as many of the activities as your schedule will allow!
- Your child's 2nd quarter progress report is in their Friday Folder. Please let me know if you have any questions.
- As a reminder, any homework that is returned in the Friday Folder is graded for accuracy. It would be great for your child to rework any missed problems, or for you to go over them together. If your child does not understand how to solve the problems, please let me know so that I can take a few minutes to go over the concept with them.

Upcoming Events:

- **Dec. 10:** Family Night at the Book Fair ; 4-7pm
- **Dec. 20:** Holidays Around the World—3rd Grade Activity
- **Dec. 21:** Family History Project Presentations
- **Dec. 21:** Early Release Day, Dismissal @ 1:15
- **Jan. 3:** Return to School

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Next Week's

Specials:

Monday: Technology
Tuesday: Art
Wednesday: Health & Fitness
Thursday: Music
Friday: Logic

Classroom Wish List: