

Mr. Morehouse's Classroom News

What We Are Up to

Happy Friday everyone. I hope everyone had a great week and is adjusting back into their normal school routine. We have been very busy in room 17 learning procedures, expectations, and more about each other. This is shaping up to be a great class and I'm looking forward to seeing how these students grow both academically and personally.

As you start to unwind from this first full week of school, here is a sneak peek at what has been going on in the classroom.

Math- We have just started unit 1 and so far have been working on place values up to the thousands place and rounding whole numbers.

Reading- We are focused in on understanding and building a successful reading life. We are looking at ourselves as readers and trying to understand what has worked well for us as readers in the past and what changes we need to make as readers to help us continue to grow in reading. We also set SMART reading goals to work towards this year.. Our current read aloud is Tales of Fourth Grade Nothing.

Writing- We are just starting our first unit, narrative writing. Our current focus is planning out our writing. We have learned strategies to help us generate topics to write about.

Science- We are in our first chapter in our first unit in life science. The first chapter focuses in on plant structures. We have learned so far the parts of a flower and their functions. We do have a quiz on Monday for the parts of a flower.

Cooperative Learning

This summer I was able to attend fantastic professional development sessions on cooperative learning. I came away very impressed with the amount of engagement the students will be in and the growth the students will get, from cooperatively learning with their classmates. So 4th grade, is using many of the strategies we learned at this training in our classroom this year. So far the students love it and I am seeing more engagement and focus then I have seen in the past. Please contact me if you would like more information about this.

Weekly Specials

This year our specials schedule will be the same each week. Each special will go for 50 minutes.

Monday- Art

Tuesday- P.E.

Thursday- STEM

Friday- Music

Classroom Technology

4th and 5th grade classrooms throughout the district are 1-1 classrooms. Meaning every student in my class has a Chromebook for them to use here at school. I use technology daily in my lessons. Students regularly use Google Classroom, my weebly (<http://jmorehouse.weebly.com/>), AR, and other online sources. Majority of the spelling and published writing will be done in Google Classroom. If a student ever needs to log into Google Classroom at home they need to go to Google, type in Google Classroom, then sign in using their Chromebook sign in information. It will ask the student for an email address when signing in. Students need to type in their username number then add @fruitportstudents.net after it. Please continue to check my Weebly. I post our daily agenda, upcoming calendar events, the weekly specials schedule, and a link to all assignments done in class.

I hope everyone has a great weekend!

Go Trojans!

Mr. Morehouse