Mrs. Cavazos First Grade News Week #11

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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Assembly 7:45-8:00  Please remember to read daily and document in reading log.  Math homework goes home today and don’t forget to practice your spelling words.. | Please remember to read daily 15-20 minutes and record on reading log. This is part of your homework. | Please remember to read daily 15-20 minutes and record on reading log. This is part of your homework.  Scholastic book order due. | Math Homework is due.  Library 1:45-2:30  Please remember to read daily 15-20 minutes and record on reading log. This is part of your homework.  Homework is due. | Friday Morning Assembly 7:45  Parent Reader 8:05-8:25  Spelling Test 8:30  Buddy Readers today at 1:10-1:40  Computer lab 1:40-2:40. |
| Music | Art | PE | Music | Art |

Dear Parents,

We had a fabulous week! We were very fortunate to go to Mr. Dowell’s fourth grade class. He gave a lesson on reading comprehension and fluency and discussed the differences that each grade level focuses on. He read a book and assigned each student a buddy. My students and Mr. Dowell’s students teamed up for a sequencing activity. We did not have enough time to complete our scarecrows so we brought them to our class and completed them. We were short of time because of picture day. This has been a great experience for the students to have the opportunity to collaborate with peers at this campus. The children wrote thank you notes to Mr. Dowell’s class.

**Cultural Awareness**:

Our class learned about El Dia de los Muertos, I read 2 books to the children and showed them pictures from another book. We set up the alter, we made skulls, skeletons, played a math graphing game with skulls., sequence skulls from the largest to the smallest and developed an anchor chart with the children’s responses. They did not have an opportunity to write about it but they will do it on Monday. Thank you parents for the pictures and offerings you supplied. Your children made it possible for other grade levels to learn and see how alters are made. Mrs. Irwin brought several classes by to see our table and skulls after reading books about this holiday. I was so proud of my students they did a fantastic job! Don’t forget to see the pictures on our website. They will be up by Wednesday.

**Guidance:**

Mrs. Trotter had a guidance lesson this week with the children regarding how frightened we get at times and who we can go to when we feel like that.

**Reading Buddies**:

On Friday, we went to Mrs. Boreing’s class to read with our buddies. We will alternate our meeting places for Reading Buddies. Next time, we will meet in our classroom. It is going very well. The fifth grade children are modeling how reading should be done and exposing the children to different literature and vocabulary.

**Scholastic book** order forms will be sent home off on Nov. 6. 2013.

Parents, thank you for the binders that are coming in.

**Spelling Words:  Week #11: Phonology practice (n) sound. (nip, snip, tint, stint, in, pin, tin, tan, pan, pen, hen, plan) map, continents, United States**

**Academic Focus for the week:**

**Math:** We will be finishing Geometry. Then we will begin: Problem Solving (Addition and Subtraction).

**Science:** Investigating magnetic energy and motion. We are continuing this section. Making Predictions how magnets can push and pull objects or change locations such as closer, nearer, further, demonstrate how things move.

Weeks 12-17 Sun, Earth, Moon

**Social Studies**: Concept Location-Community, Maps, Student will understand location of places, use the cardinal directions, and locate the community, Texas, and the US on globe and maps.

Week 11-12 will be Pilgrims. If you have any books on Pilgrims when you come to read we would really appreciate it.

**Language Arts:**

**Reading -**Week #11 Summarize plot, Summarize main idea and details. Retell order of events by referring to illustrations and text.

**Writing:** The writing process and expository text. It will continue on week 11 also.

**Computer Lab:** We need 3 parent volunteers to make smaller groups so we can monitor the children and the cameras.

**Garden:** We will be planting a fall garden this Friday. If your child would like to participate, please bring a plant that does well during the fall and winter season or bring a package of seeds. Thank you to the parents that cleaned our garden.

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**Thank you** Mrs. Korsgaard for computer lab support!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cavazos

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