

TO: THOSE AMAZING PARENTS

From: Mrs. Benoit

May Newsletter 2019

Time is ticking...and days are numbered.

It's amazing (each year) how May sneaks up on me. Are you feeling the same way?

Fun Fact: This is the last full month of school!!!

Soon, you'll have a fourth grader in the family! :)

Reading: Please continue to make time/take time to read 20 minutes each night as part of the homework routine.

Students are learning more about "digging deep" as readers in their daily reading groups. Using techniques and strategies taught in class, your child is learning about author's craft, plot, problem/solution, and writing techniques. Ask your child which book is being studied.

The children are learning about poetry. So far, we've written acrostics, couplets and triplets, and free-verse.

We will continue to read and map out poems to help us as we craft our own originals.

Writing: Students will continue to improve their writing techniques throughout the rest of the year using SRSD strategies.

We recently read THE BEST STORY, a picture book about what to include when writing the best story. The main character learns that she should include details that make her happy -- and not worry so much about pleasing others.

\*\*Please bring in an EMPTY container of your favorite product AND a postage stamp -- we are going to write letters to the companies (and hope they write us back!).

Cursive: We will review how to form capital letters and lowercase letters.

Math: Students will review the last few chapters of the Envision Math book and complete the online videos and quizzes, including an End-of-the-Year assessment.

Social Studies: We've wrapped up revolutionary times and students will need to review their lines for Miss P's play: Paul Revere's Ride.

We will end the year with: primary sources, The Constitution, and The Bill of Rights. Students will learn about basic government and learn about citizenship.

We recently read MARVELOUS MADDIE, a true-life story about a young inventor who nearly lost her "idea" when someone patented her drawings and plans.

Students also learned about Worcester's own Harvey Ball, who lost his "smiley face idea" when two brothers patented it without his knowledge.

Science: Students will continue to explore scientific thinking through experimentation and questioning.

#### HOUSEKEEPING:

\*As time draws to a close, please check in closets, under beds and everywhere else for items: books, manipulatives, "school stuff" which may belong to the classroom.

\*For safety purposes, please remind your child to wear sneakers or shoes to school, not sandals.

\*Short-sleeves, and sneakers for Dance and Gym days (Wed. and Thurs).

\*WOW slips are due back, if you are planning on trying out...get them in!

\*Please return \$5 and permission slip for the PRESERVATION WORCESTER field trip.

#### THINKING AHEAD TO SUMMER:

\*read and write

\*visit libraries for author visits and academic activities

\*go online for math games, typing practice, Khan Academy, Greg Tang, Prodigy, CLEVER, etc.

\*consider purchasing a GRADE 3/4 curriculum/activity book (Target, Barnes & Noble, WalMart) to keep up on skills. Keep in the car for long trips.

\*set a realistic reading goal: 5 chapter books over the summer, 10 picture books for your grade level each week of summer, etc.

\*keep a diary or journal about your summer, write poems,

\*visit museums (check out your local library for free passes)

\*cook and bake

\*volunteer locally

\*grow a garden

\*invent something

Thanks for all you do!

Fondly,

Mrs. Benoit

