



Mrs. Granato's Classroom Connections



Reminders:

- Please make sure your child has packed their recorder for Music every Friday. They will need these for music class.
- As the weather (and our classroom!) gets chillier, please be sure your child has an SJS uniform appropriate sweater they can utilize in the classroom if needed.
- Please see the attached flyer for Thursday's "Add Pink to your Uniform Day". Students must still wear SJS uniforms however, they can jazz them up with some pink accessories! (hats are not permitted)

What Did We Learn This Week?

Religion: In religion, students learned what a parable is and how Jesus teaches us through parables. We discussed the parable of the mustard seed and how one small seed grows into a huge plant! Students were able to connect to the parable by understanding that one small act of kindness makes a huge difference in the Kingdom of God!

Reading: This week we started our Fiction Unit. Students had a great time learning about the different types of fiction (mystery, fairytales, folktales, realistic fiction, historical fiction, etc.). Students also had the opportunity to examine themselves as readers and analyze their reading with the fiction genre. On Friday, we reviewed the expectations of the new reading log. Students were asked to keep this in their Home Folders, so they can look back if needed. The new reading log will be assigned on Monday, Oct. 22.

ELA: In English, students continued learning about nouns. This week, we learned to add -es to singular nouns that end in s, sh, ch, and x when forming a plural. We also reviewed how singular nouns that end in a consonant and a "y" will change to an -ies when made plural. In Writer's Workshop, students brainstormed descriptive details about a haunted house. They will use this to write a real estate advertisement and convince their audience to buy their haunted house!

Math: This week in math, students continued their subtraction chapter. Students were able to estimate differences between numbers. Students are continuing to look for the key word "about" as a sign to estimate instead of finding the exact answer. Next week, we will be having a Simple Solutions quiz on Tuesday after reviewing lessons 13-16 in class on Monday. Please continue to have your child practice their fact fluency! IXL, Xtra Math, and flashcards are great tools!

Science: Students reviewed how weather changes throughout the seasons. They learned that there are many ways that these changes can be predicted. Students also used a data table for a city's precipitation to create a bar graph. Finally, we wrapped up the week by understanding how a snow storm can affect us and brainstormed preventative measures we can take.

Social Studies: This week students continued researching their tribes, adding strong details to their information packets. Students also began the drafting process in which they took their information and wrote it as thorough and detailed paragraphs. Next week we will continue with rough drafts and then begin creating our final posters!

Upcoming Events:

Monday, Oct. 22

- Artist Awareness

Tuesday, Oct. 23

- Simple Solutions Quiz #4 (Lessons 13-16)

Wednesday, Oct. 24

- Second Step
- Band Concert

Thursday, Oct. 25

- Session 7 Open Book Religion Quiz
- Science Lesson 2 (Seasonal Weather Changes) Quiz
- Add PINK to Your Uniform for \$1

Friday, Oct. 26

- Unit 8 Spelling Test
- Mass
- Tip Off

Halloween Info:

We will be having a Halloween party on Wednesday, Oct. 31 in our classroom. Students can bring costumes to school in their backpacks to change into prior to the party.

Costumes must be appropriate (no weapons or masks). Please note that no candy is allowed. Thank you!

NJHS Brings You...



\$1 to Add Pink To your
Uniform On Thursday

October 25

All proceeds will go to breast cancer
research

This may include socks, shoelaces,
headbands, necklaces/bracelets, bow-ties,
etc.

NO SHIRTS, only pink accessories!

Please contact Mrs. Kirk with any questions