



Mrs. Granato's Classroom Connections



Reminders:

- Please note that students were given an extra credit opportunity for science. They brought home the extra credit worksheet today. Attached to the worksheet is a slip of paper explaining this opportunity. There is a spot where you will find your child's original quiz score. Underneath, there is a parent signature section. I kindly ask that if your child completes this worksheet, a parent signs acknowledging that their child is participating in this opportunity. Completion of this will result in 3 extra credit points added to your child's science grade. Students have until Tuesday, Oct. 9 to complete this **optional** assignment.
- Parent/Teacher Conference forms were sent home in oldest/only Friday Folders today. Please fill out your preferred date (Thursday, November 8 between 2:00-7:00 pm OR Friday, November 9 between 8:00-11:00 am) and return to school no later than **Wednesday, Oct. 10**. *If you know that you will be unable to attend conferences on these dates, please contact me as soon as possible so that we can schedule an alternate conference date/time.* Thank you!
- 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.

What Did We Learn This Week?

Religion: This week in religion, we reviewed what we learned from Unit 1. We reviewed in class by playing a Fisher's of Faith game that had topics seen on the unit test. We also dedicated time to practicing for Mass with Mrs. Farrell. Next week, we will be focusing on the bible verse of Ephesians 3:14 and doing an activity. There will not be a session quiz.

Reading: Students learned how fiction texts contain 6 common elements: setting, plot, characters, problem, solution, and theme. Students learned how to identify these elements within a fiction story and discussed how these elements help us better understand the story. Students also learned about nonfiction text features and how these features better help us learn information that may not be located directly in the body of a nonfiction text.

ELA: In English, students reviewed that nouns identify people, places, and things. Students also learned to distinguish between common nouns and proper nouns. In Writer's Workshop, students started learning about the 6 Traits of Writing. They had a fantastic time learning about the traits of ideas, organization, and voice while seeing examples of each trait in our mentor texts.

Math: Students learned how to estimate sums to the nearest ten or hundred. We used this strategy to check our addition problems for reasonableness. Students also were able to show regrouping when adding using base ten blocks. We then reviewed adding three and four-digit numbers when needing to regroup. We will be ending our unit next week with a test on Thursday.

Science: This week in science, students reviewed for and took their first lesson quiz. Students also began learning about seasonal weather changes. We discussed how different plants and animals change their behaviors during winter.

Social Studies: Students continued their Native American tribe research this week. They discovered important facts about their tribe's music, dance, historical events, historical figures, as well as environment. Students summarized their research, putting it into their own words. We will continue the research process next week and then start rough drafts!

Upcoming Events:

Monday, Oct. 8

- No School-Columbus Day

Tuesday, Oct. 9

- The Grove Field Trip (10:45-2:45)
- Reading Log Due
- Science Extra Credit Due (Optional)

Wednesday, Oct. 10

- Second Step
- P/T Conference Forms Due

Thursday, Oct. 11

- Ch. 2 Math Test

Friday, Oct. 12

- Unit 6 Spelling Test
- IXL Log Due

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!