

Mrs. Lutz's Class Newsletter

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READING

Students finished their narrative reading unit two weeks ago. We worked on identifying character traits and theme using text evidence to support our ideas. Students practiced reading fluently and with expression during conferencing times. Summarizing a story by telling only the important details was also a focus.

RAZ-KIDS: Each student has a RAZ-KIDS account through the school district. Since we are now in the virtual world, I have requested they read and take a quiz on a minimum of three books each week. They can work on this during our 20 minutes of read to self-time during our live teaching in the morning, in the afternoons, or over the weekend.

WRITING: We are just wrapping up our narrative writing unit. The students have done an amazing job of using the techniques such as: entertaining beginnings, elaborative details, word referents, and slowing down the action to create small moment stories. They are on their Chromebooks. Ask to see your child's masterpieces.

MATH: Students are adapting well and engaging in our new math program called Bridges. Every day there is a piece called Number Corner. During this time we focus on a variety of math skills and concepts such as: fractions, linear measurement, capacity, and converting units. We also work on problem strings which teach students a strategy to work through harder math problems.

During the regular portion of math class we are focusing on understanding place value, and multiplying 1 x 2 digit numbers and 2 x 2 digit numbers. Students will use a variety of strategies to solve these problems, which is different than what you may be used to. Our next unit will focus on fractions and relating fractions to decimals.

XTRA MATH — This basic math fact practice program is available for students in the Google Classroom on the Bitmoji short cut. I do not require Xtra Math this year as our new math program, Bridges, introduces strategies to help students become fluent in their math facts. Students are free to use this program if they want.

Conferences — please check your emails for the form I sent out to sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 25th - Half Day of School

November 26th and 27th - No School

Parent Teacher Virtual Conferences December 8th, 10th, and 11th