

THE LISTENING POST



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Week at a Glance

Mon.

Math Facts & Word Hunt

Reading: Read chapters 1 - 2 (write jot dots)

Math: Lesson 3.5

Tue.

NO SCHOOL! HOORAY!

Wed.

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Reading: Read chapters 3 - 4 (write jot dots)

Math: Worksheet "Area Models"

Thur.

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Reading: Read chapter 5 (write jot dots)

Math: Chapter 3 Practice Test. Take this home and get a parent signature. If something was tricky, practice it. The math test will be tomorrow and it will be a "twin" of the practice test.

Fri.

Math Facts

READING LOG GETS TURNED IN



Book Clubs

Book Clubs are starting!

We are starting a new book: How to Steal a Dog

Your tribe is your book club group. You will have time to read your daily "chunk" in school each day. However, if you don't get it done at school, you will need to finish at home. While you read, you will be making a jot-dot list of things you think are on the important list.

On Friday, you will have a chance to work with your group. (Normally this will be Thursday.) You will decide the Top 4 together. Then you will write meaningful post-its for those Top 4 events on post its. This is the new way to do your Reading Log.

Since it is a short week, we will have our official Book Club Meeting on Monday (11/17). FYI, this will normally be on Fridays.

From now on, you will have grades for:

1. Your post-its on the Reading Log.
2. Your After We Met notes you complete after the book club meeting.
3. Your participation in the book club discussion.

These grades will continue to be sent home on Mondays for signatures. (This week book club meetings are next Monday so these will all go home on Tuesday.)

Bike Rodeo on Nov. 21

A flyer went home last week about this. If possible, we are asking kids to ride their bike to school that day. Spare bikes are provided if this is not possible. And bring a helmet if you can.

READING LOG CHANGE

Please note that the Reading Log format has changed.

What is the same:

The students will still write jot dots as they read about what they think is important.

The students will still work together to decide what are the Top 4.

Time will be provided for everyone to write a meaningful post-it for each Top 4 event. This will typically be turned in on Fridays and go home for a parent signature on Mondays.

What is different:

Change #1:

There is a new section on the back. This gives space for students to write a reflection based on their book club discussions. They should show how their thinking grew deeper or how they may have had a new idea or an "ah ha" moment. They should write enough to show "under the ocean" thinking.

There will be a separate grade for this reflection.

Change #2:

We will have an official Book Club meeting each week. Although you will not be able to see/hear how the book club discussion went, there will be a participation grade. Grades are based on:

- did the student join the book club discussion
- did the student discuss meaningful thoughts
- did the student speak in a supportive way
- did the student come prepared for a book talk

There will be a separate grade for this.

A REALLY BIG DIFFERENCE:

We read Island of the Blue Dolphins together in class. However, from now on students are responsible to do their own reading. They will also need to be more independent choosing and writing post-it ideas. If this isn't finished in class, it will become homework. You can read together with mom or dad. Or, you can choose to read with a friend via Zoom etc. Also, about 25 minutes will be provided in class most days to read independently.

New Website Pages

There is a page that models how we will write on post-its from now on. Each week 4 post-its will be filled out and attached to the reading log. It also explains the feedback key. Another page is about Thinking "Under the Ocean." This refers to the ways we think more deeply as we read. We will focus on ideas that make for deep conversation when we meet with our book clubs. Please check these out.