

THE LISTENING POST



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Mrs. Eller

Week at a Glance

Mon.

Math Facts

Reading: Read chapters 1 - 2

Math: Lesson 3.5

Tue.

Math Facts

Reading: Read chapters 3 - 4

Math: Lesson 3.6

Wed.

Math Facts

Reading: Read chapters 5

Math: Go over the review test with your mom/dad. Practice anything you missed. And make sure to get a parent signature. The test is tomorrow.

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Math Facts

READING LOG SIGNATURE DUE MONDAY!

Fri.

NO SCHOOL! HOORAY!



Book Clubs

Book Clubs are starting!

You will check in with Mrs. Eller at the end of the week. This will help you

be prepared for the book club meeting that will happen on Monday. You need to show up on Mondays prepared for Book Club. This means you promise:

- I will have finished reading the “weekly chunk.” (The Reading Log assignments from the week before.)
- I have at least 6 post-its in my week’s reading “chunk” that show my best “under the ocean” thinking.
- And I have written down “What I want to talk about.” (We will do this in class on Fridays.)
- I have written down comments about the 4 things that I think are the most important things in the “chunk.” This is called “Top 4.”

Canned Food Drive

We are collecting canned food this week. It will all be donated to the West Valley Community Center. A HUGE thank you for anything you can send in to help out!



BIG thanks to our room parents for planning a wonderful Halloween party! You made 29 kids so happy!



READING LOG CHANGE

Please note that the Reading Log format has changed.

What is the same:

The students will still write 2 post-its per chapter to record their thinking.

IMPORTANT: Parent signature will still be required weekly. I will still check signatures on Monday mornings.

A grade will still be provided after the Partner Check In on Fridays for your information.

What is different:

There is a new section that gives space for teacher feedback called “Think About.” This gives some ideas about what to think about to prepare for book clubs which happen on Mondays. You will also see an overall assessment for the “Top 4” thoughts that should be written on the log.

FYI:

- 1) 1 = comment was something very important
 - 2) 2 = comment was on the list of good things to talk about
 - 3) 3 = comment was not in the “Top 4” things
 - 4) Chose the #1 thing = Wow! You did it!
- There is a new section called “New Idea.” This will not always be required. If your contribution during Partner Check In didn’t focus on something important, this is a chance to write new thinking and raise your grade. This will be marked “required” or “not required.”

Our New Focus:

This is called thinking “Under the Ocean.”

Please check out the website. The Reading Log page is different and there is a Think While You Read page. This will explain what “under the ocean” means and give you important information about what we are focusing on for the rest of the year.

NOTE: We read Island of the Blue Dolphins together in class. However, from now on the assigned chapters 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 after lunch most days to read independently

We are getting used to the new reading homework routine. So, for this week, there will be:

No Spellings, Word Power, or Word Hunt! Hooray!