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Upcoming Events

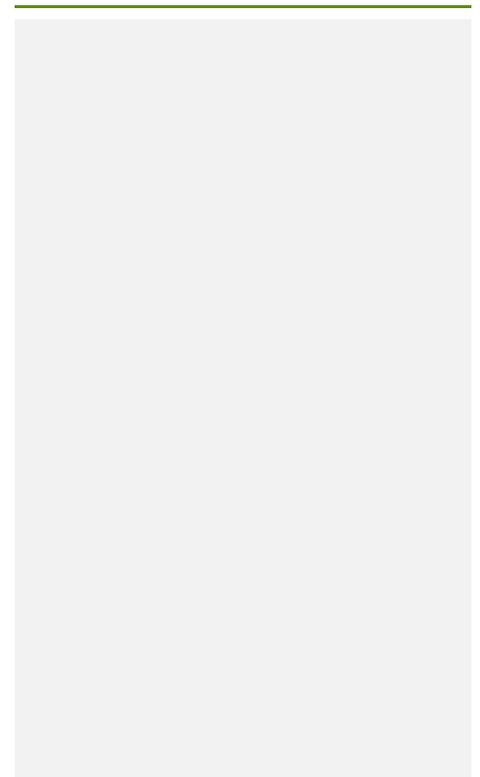
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MR. CUELLAR'S CLASS NEWS

This week, in my first period reading class, we are reading a very interesting NewsELA article about bacon flowers and other unique Valentine's Day bouquets. We are practicing finding main ideas and using our decoding skills to read unknown words! Please don't be surprised if you get a meaty, sour or sweet bouquet for this Valentine's Day!

In my 7th period TMC class, we have moved into the classic Call of the Wild, and the students are using Google Classroom to integrate their classwork and homework. Along with listening to the book in class, each student is also assigned sections to listen to through their Learning Ally account on their own. So far, the students are enjoying Call of the Wild and the comprehension activities they are doing through google classroom.

In my 9th period TMC class, the students are listening to multiple sentences using NewsELA articles which are all about sugar! Afterwards, students are asked to retell and answer comprehension questions using picture prompts as needed.



VANDENBREE'S CLASS NEWS

My period 1 class is done reading the Primary Phonics stories and has begun reading other stories. They are doing a fantastic job! Also, keep on using Learning Ally to earn a pizza party! My FIRST class periods 2/3 are doing a great job reading and spelling real and nonsense words with bonus letters and the welded sound "all." They have also been learning to read and spell new sight words. My period 5 Writing class has been busy learning about punctuation and capitalization. My FIRST class periods 7/8 are now in substep 3.5! They are working on reading and spelling multisyllabic words with the suffixes -ed and -ing. My TMC class period 9 has been working on their visualizing, verbalizing, and reading comprehension skills. They are doing a great job identifying and using the structure word cards for each sentence read.

Keep up the great work everyone!

LIFE SKILLS

We have started our second life skills group of the year! If your child is participating you already received a notice home and what to expect. We are excited to be planning our first trip to the West Essex Diner. The students are very excited and we will look over the menu today and use our money sense to determine how much we need to bring. We'll also be discussing our expected behaviors at a diner and what not to do! At home, you can bring up this topic by discussing your family's favorite restaurants and what is expected at each one. If we are unsure how to act, we can observe what others are doing around us. What might be expected at McDonald's, may not be expected at a fancy restaurant. Our trip to the Diner will be February 20th. We will send an email home with information needed for the trip next week!

Mrs. Miranda

Mrs. Rallo's Classes

Period 1 Reading Class-In addition to reading their novel in class, the students have been learning about suffixes. They have watched a few fun videos showing how endings are added to words to change the meaning of the base word. A variety of hands-on activities reinforced this skill and allowed opportunities to practice.

Reading-Period 3 students have been reading at least two Greek myths per week and summarizing each one. Students have also viewed a short video of these myths and then compare the video to the book version.

Writing-Period 2 students are working hardtop use TREE in order to develop well written paragraphs. They are also learning to expand sentences by using adjectives and the 5 W's: who, what, where, when, why, and how.

Writing-Period 4 students are learning to use transitions words in order to write more fluently. After watching an informational video, the students read a list of transition words highlighting the ones they will try to use when completing written assignments.

Vocabulary-This week the students spent time reviewing all the words they learned as part of our “Word of the Week” program. In addition to completing activities in Vocabulary Spelling City, the students played Bingo to practice the words and definitions, used the words in complete sentences, and added affixes to some of the words.

GUYS GROUP NEWS

Ms. Megna’s homeroom was invited to Guys Group today, Wednesday, February 12, 2020....and guess who showed up? MS. MEGNA!!!!

What a wonderful surprise to have the student’s homeroom teacher join us for lunch and all of our share and cares!!! Thank you Ms. Megna!!!

FYI next week Mr. C’s homeroom to Guy’s Group!!!

MS. KEMPTON'S SCHOOL NEWS

All Banyan Elementary School students are participating in Learning Ally's Great Reading Games! Learning Ally is a great resource for students to listen to audiobooks that may be difficult for them for them to decode on their own. Students may listen to books at home or even on the ride to/from school! Each week, any students participating will be entered into a raffle to win a small prize. The contest will continue until February 28th. At the end of the contest, the top 10 reading students with the most points will earn a pizza party! If you need your child's username and password, please email your child's reading teacher.

Happy Valentine’s Day!

