Mrs. Tritch’s Classroom



Newsletter #20

February 17-21, 2014

**Homework:**

**Writing Prompts: ½ page each day to be written in writer’s notebook section of literacy notebook.**

**Monday-** If you could see any movie at the theater, what would it be? What part do you look forward to seeing on the big screen? (by Jose)

**Tuesday-** If you could explore an area of the world, what would you like to explore? What do you think you would find there?

**Wednesday-**  What is the most interesting dream you can remember having?

**Thursday-** Free Choice

**Vocabulary Words:**

**1.** onomatopoeia

**2.** personification

**3.** idiom

**4.** simile

**5.** metaphor

**Vocab Test on Friday!**

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**Upcoming events/ news:**

Feb. 17 – Valentine’s Day <3 Makeup

Feb. 17 – REGURLAR SCHOOL DAY (SNOW DAY MAKEUP 1)

Feb. 18- Reading CFA

Feb. 19- Math CFA

Feb. 20- Science CFA

Feb. 21 – Progress Reports sent home

March 1- 5th Grade Science Academy 9-12:15

**Homework:**

**Reading-** 30 minutes each night.

This week, focus on the following strategies:

1. Comparing and contrasting characters, setting, and/or events
2. Finding the main idea and details
3. Using context clues to understanding unknown words or phrases.

**What we are working on:**

*Literacy-* We are continuing with book clubs and weekly guided reading lessons. Students will work on a Valentine’s Day themed figurative language packet and then start an advertisement project. **Vocab test Friday.**

*Math-* We are working on decimals and place value to the thousandths place. We will also focus on place value and powers of 10. Students will also start with expanded form of decimals.

*Science-* We continuing to work on motion and design. We will learn more about gravity and mass this week. Students will continue with hands-on activities this week to learn how force and mass can affect one another.

