Mrs. Tritch’s Classroom



Newsletter #10

November 12 – November 15, 2013

**Homework:**

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

**Monday-** No School, no homework

**Tuesday-** Create a story that begins with the following sentence: “When I saw the smoke rising from the tiny reptile's head, I placed the creature in a box and headed for the lab.”

**Wednesday-** Create a double bubble map (we will practice in class) comparing and contrasting 4th grade to 5th grade.

**Thursday-** Write a compare/contrast paragraph based on the double bubble map you created on Wednesday. Be sure to write about the similarities and differences.

**Vocabulary Words:**

**1.** neither

**2.** either

**3.** conjunction

**Vocab Test on Friday!**

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**What we are working on:**

*Literacy-* We are working on comparing and contrasting text structures. We are focusing on comparing and contrasting settings and events of a story. Students will also be working on conjunctions, specifically “neither/nor” and “either/or.” **Conjunction Quiz and Vocab Quiz on Friday!**

*Math-* Students are exploring fractions and specifically unit fractions (1/2, 1/4, 1/8, 1/3, 1/6). Which ones are larger/smaller? How do fractions compare to one another and which ones are equivalent?

*Science-* We are focusing on the differences between inherited (genetic) and learned (acquired) traits.

**Upcoming events/ news:**

Nov. 4 – 14 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

Nov. 15 – **BOOSTERTHON COLLECTIONS DUE**

Nov. 12 – PTA Meeting- 7 PM

Nov. 19-21 – Grade Level SGAs

Nov. 21 – International Night

**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.

