Mrs. Tritch’s Classroom



Newsletter #11

November 18 – November 22, 2013

**Homework:**

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

**Monday-** Free Choice! Pick any topic and write!

**Tuesday-** Create a story that begins with the following sentence: “There are three kids sitting on a log near a river. One of them looks up at the sky and says…”

**Wednesday-** Make a list of 15 things you are thankful for in your life.

**Thursday-** Write about one of the things you are thankful for from Wednesday’s entry in more detail. What makes this part of your life so important to you?

**Vocabulary Words:**

**1.** chronology

**2.** sequencing

**3.** structure

**4.** text

**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 looking at the similarities and differences between compare/contrast texts and cause/effect texts. Students are continuing to work on conjunctions. **Vocab Quiz on Friday! Class Spelling Bee on Friday!**

*Math-* Students will be working on adding fractions this week. We are using a number line, drawings, and standard formats.

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

**Upcoming events/ news:**

Nov. 19 – District SGA, Reading

Nov. 20 – District SGA, Math

Nov. 21 – District SGA, Science

Nov. 21 – International Night, 5:30-8 PM

We are España!- Come and check out our poster board!

Nov. 22- Class Spelling Bee in Homeroom

Nov. 27- 29 -Thanksgiving, No School

**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.

