Mrs. Tritch’s Classroom



Newsletter #7

October 14 – October 18, 2013

**Homework:**

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

**Monday-** How can you be prepared for the upcoming CAs in Reading, Math, and Science this week? Write about good test taking strategies too.

**Tuesday-** Start a story with the following sentence: “The ghost was following a treasure map in the school.”

**Wednesday-** What is a food chain? Give one example of a food chain. Identify the producers, consumers, decomposers, herbivores, carnivores, omnivores. (You may not have every term listed above)

**Thursday-** Imagine you woke up and you were a monster! What kind of monster would you be? Describe your unique appearance and what you can do.

**Vocabulary Words:**

**1.** italics

**2.** bold

**3.** table of contents

**4.** conjunction

**Vocab Test on Friday!**

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**What we are working on:**

*Literacy-* We are working on inferences and moving on to author’s purpose (persuade, entertain, inform) this week. Students are working on the expository essay on a human body system this week. **Vocab test on Friday!**

*Math-* Students are exploring place value and powers of 10 this week. We will also be reviewing multiplication, division, and volume as we prepare for CA’s next week.

*Science-* Students are continuing with our ecosystems unit! They will also learn hands-on activities on our Agape field trip on Wednesday.

**Upcoming events/ news:**

**Oct. 16 – Agape Field Trip! Arrive at school at 7:30 AM**

Oct. 17- Picture Day ☺

Oct. 22- Reading CA

Oct. 23- Math CA

Oct. 23- Early Release Day

Oct. 24- Science CA

Oct. 25- Last Day of Quarter 1

**Homework:**

**Reading-** 30 minutes each night.

This week, focus on the following strategies:

1. Making inferences while reading
2. Finding the main idea
3. Using context clues to understanding unknown words or phrases.

