Mrs. Tritch’s Classroom



Newsletter #2

September 9 – September 13, 2013

**Homework:**

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

**Monday-** If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you want to live? Why? What do you think life is like there?

**Tuesday-** You forgot to make your bed this morning and you are in trouble!!! In an effort to avoid punishment, make up an excuse (no matter how absurd) as to why you were unable to make your bed.

**Wednesday-** What is your favorite toy or item you own? Describe the item and why it is so special to you.

**Thursday-** If you could star as the leading role in your favorite movie, what movie would you be in? Why would this be so fun?

**Vocabulary Words:**

**1.** main idea

**2.** topic

**3.** detail

**4.** support

**No test this Friday. We will practice in class this week.**

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**What we are working on:**

*Literacy-* We are working on CAFÉ strategies and integrating the Daily 5 into our literacy block. Keep reading those “good fit” books! We are learning about main idea and details, along with writing quality summaries.

*Math-* Students are finishing up multiplication with two and three digit numbers. We are beginning division this week.

*Science-* Students will begin a unit on cells- the basic building blocks of life! This will lead in to our unit on the human body systems.

**Upcoming events/ news:**

Sept. 10- PTA Meeting, 6:00 PM

Sept. 17- 1st and 2nd Grade Curriculum Night

6:30 PM

Sept. 19 – 3rd -5th Grade Curriculum Night

6:30 PM

Sept. 25 – Progress Reports Sent Home

**Homework:**

**Reading-** 30 minutes each night.

This week, focus on the following strategies:

1. Check for understanding (asking the 5 W’s and 1 H)
2. Monitor for comprehension (back up and re-read)
3. Finding the main idea

