

Week of Jan. 18 Newsletter: Carter and Sawruk



This is the last week of the second quarter! Please make sure your child is completing all classwork and homework- let's finish the quarter strong! Our Picolata Book Fair will be done virtually this year and begins January 25th ☺ Stay tuned for additional book fair information from Mrs. Yelvington, our media specialist.

What We're Working On:

Math

Our next math unit will be an extension of multiplying fractions. Students will extend concepts to begin recognizing multiplying fractions as scaling (resizing) an original fraction. We will be working on lessons 8.6-8.9 in our volume two math books. Expect a quiz by the mid-week (Wednesday or Thursday).

With the second quarter wrapping up we are also taking our second quarter spiral review test. Students will be asked to add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators, round decimals and multiply and divide whole numbers. This will be the final summative test for math for Q2 and we will take it on Friday, January 22. To review, students should look over their math journals.

ELA

In ELA, we are continuing with nonfiction texts and will be practicing interpreting vocabulary and interpreting multiple accounts of the same topic. These reading skills will prove useful during our DBQ writing.

We are exploring the Jamestown DBQ (Document Based Question). Students have been examining primary and secondary sources to answer "Why Did So Many Colonists Die?" We will be writing an essay this week based on this. This will be an intro to informational/expository essay writing. The packet and essay will each count as a quiz grade.

Science

We will be starting a new unit this week- Unit 3 The Solar System and the Universe. Students will learn about stars, galaxies, other objects in our galaxy, and be able to compare/contrast the planets. We will also be reviewing some of the space standards from 4th grade. Students will have some formative quizzes and a test at the end of the unit.

Social Studies

We will be wrapping up Unit 4 on Colonial America and the 13 original colonies over this week and next. Students will be working on a project-based assessment. The final graded states and capitals test is this week. Beginning in the third quarter, social studies quizzes will no longer be open book.



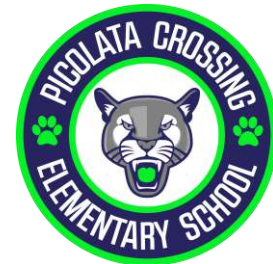
Upcoming Important Dates

Jan. 18: No School- Holiday
Jan. 19: iReady Math Test
Jan.19: NE/SE States & Capitals GRADED Test
Jan. 25: Quarter 2 Ends
Jan. 25: Virtual Book Fair begins
Jan. 27: Early Release @ 1:45 begins
Jan. 29: No School- Teacher Planning Day
Feb. 1 & 2: iReady Reading Test

Weekly Homework

*See your child's planner

- Read 25-30 mins each night (may work on book responses) Final book project due 1/13
- 2 days of practice on Xtra Math (logins in planners)
- Math-p.371-374
- Science- Green Workbook "Movement of Earth in Space" pg. 45-48
- Study NE/SE states and capitals



Check This Out:

- ✓ Be sure to continue studying the states and capitals! Here's some practice→
 - http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/web_games.htm
 - https://www.ducksters.com/games/united_states_capitals_map_game.php