

Reminders:

The students are encouraged to participate in the Science Fair. All participants will earn 10% extra credit (a full letter grade) in Writing and Science. Math will be included if the project involved extensive calculations. Please visit the Science Fair website for ideas and resources: www.wolfpups.org/science-fair.html

We are planning several fun field trips. Please return the field trip permission slip ASAP. To participate in field trips the students can't have any failing grades and they must have no discipline referrals. Our first field trip will be to Herring Auditorium on January 28th for a ukulele concert.

Math tutorial is available every Thursday, before school, 8:30 to 9:15 AM.

What we are learning:**Math:**

We will work on unit 4 and cover lesson 16: unit Rates. We will have a Math quiz this week. The students are encouraged to regularly practice their Math skills via the i-Ready website, "My Path." **The students need to study their multiplication facts on a daily basis until they demonstrate mastery.**

Reading:

We are reading and discussing Agatha Christie's most famous murder mystery novel, And Then There Were None. Please do NOT allow your child to read the novel at home or look up who is the murderer.

Writing:

We will cover lesson 15 in Journeys. The topic is Moon Exploration. The stories are "Team Moon" and "The Woman in the Moon." The main grammar lesson is on regular and irregular verbs. The spelling words are revise, advantage, memorize, active, organize, criticize, shortage, advertise, attractive, college, explosive, exercise, encourage, summarize, wreckage, recognize, positive, percentage, sensitive, heritage. The challenge words are utilize, mortgage, merchandise, aggressive, and compromise. The high frequency words are across, different, forest, morning, only, river, summer, total, went, wrong.

The students are working on their quarter-long project. The Biography students are reading their biographies. The World Tour students are researching world sites, completing their weekly documentation log, and completing their individual journal entry.

Social Studies: (Mr. Kinder and Miss Dershin)

We are studying ancient China. We'll cover chapter 11, lessons 2-3 and complete an art activity.

Science: (Mrs. Cowan) We will continue with Gravity and start in Newton's Laws.