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NOVEMBER NEWS #16



Here is what we are learning this month!

Math - Number theory and fractions are what we are now exploring. The students are learning about factors, multiples, prime factorization, and relating fractions to decimals.

Reading - We have just finished our novel Call It Courage along with completing a visual art summary. We are now reading a book titled The Night Swimmers. As discussed previously, our class is reading Accelerated Reader books. These are specially coded books from the library that have computer comprehension quizzes that accompany the reading. Each child has taken a test to find out the book level that matches their individual reading needs. When a child finishes a book, they take a quiz and earn points. At the end of each trimester the totals are zeroed out, and they must start again. Each child must

now have at least twenty-one points accumulated by February 24th. Periodically ask your child how many points they have and encourage them to read.

Checking AR Points from Home

You can now log on Renaissance Place from home to check your child's AR points. Log on to this site:

<https://hosted169.renlearn.com/276240/HomeConnect/Login.aspx>

Your child can tell you their User Name and Password. You can also access this site by going to the Baywood School Home Page, choosing Baywood Media Center, and then choosing the AR Home Connect link. Tests can not be taken from home.

Language - The students have been writing up a storm. They are writing, revising, and editing their work. They have done paper bag descriptions (ask your child what this is). The students

are currently learning about similes, alliteration, and personification. Additionally, they are learning about the parts in a story and creating settings, characters, problems, and solutions. They are dissecting sentences and labeling the parts of speech, working on mechanics, and proofing their work. They do this with hand-written assignments and computer assignments.

Science - Your child has a long-term shark project that is due on December 16. This entails getting information from magazines, listening to tapes, and completing artwork. Neatness is a must. Check their binders soon for details. They will have over a month to complete this and have class time to work on it. Please check your child's progress to make sure they meet the deadline. Please take a few moments and help your child proofread their packet. Extra credit is also available for those students who desire an extra challenge.

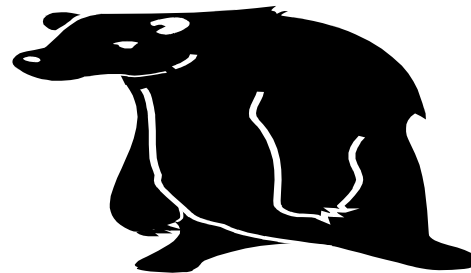
Social Studies - We are learning about ancient Egypt and how the ancient people in this area relied on the Nile River for their survival. Hieroglyphics,

pyramids, and mummies are just some of the topics that are covered.

Feast- On Tuesday, November 24, our class will be having a Harvest Hoe-Down Feast. Basically this means we will eat a meal together. Each child, if possible, will contribute something to the meal. We will have sub sandwiches, fruits, and vegetables. Your child will sign up for the item that they would like to bring. A note will follow shortly.

Supplies- Many students are running low on lined paper, graph paper, pencils, and **markers**. Please ask your child if they need any of these materials.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Dawkins



Things to Remember

Nov. 11
Nov. 24
Nov.25-27
Dec. 16

No school
Harvest Hoe-Down
Thanksgiving Recess
Shark packets due

Veteran's Day
Let's eat
Enjoy!
Be prepared

