

2018-2019 5th grade dual immersion Weekly updates

10-12-18

Thank you to all the parents who have come in so far to help out with book clubs and great artist. We are so grateful, and totally blown away by the rapidity and graciousness with which you respond when we ask for volunteers and donations!

This week in math we reviewed for and took the Unit 2 test. We met our Goal!!!! **Our average was 90%!** We will be having a class party to celebrate. Due to the large number of students who will be missing class next week, we will plan on having our party the week of October 22-26. I will let you know exactly when after I have the details worked out. Next week in math we will be digging back into fractions, we will be starting with multiplying a unit fraction by a whole number i.e. $\frac{1}{3} \times 6 = \frac{6}{3} = 2$

We finished up *Elisa's Diary* this week and read a short poem called *Words free as Confetti*. We identified different types of figurative language including hyperbole, alliteration, similes, metaphors and idioms in both poetry and prose and examined how the respective authors fit events together to provide the overall structure of the story or poem. We also started working on the writing portion of our Pennies essay. Next week we will not be starting a new reading text. We will be spending a little extra time working on our Penny essay.

You may have noticed that students are receiving kindness training each week to help promote more positive and peaceful behavior throughout the school. Please ask your student about these lessons each Friday. They should bring home a short worksheet that you can use as a jumping off point for your discussion!

Next week in Science we will be reviewing matter and physical and chemical changes. We will be learning new words and working on a new unit in Spanish literacy "La Playa."

Our next spelling test will not be until October 25th and it will be the Southern Atlantic States:

<https://quizlet.com/149240639/united-states-states-and-capitals-south-atlantic-region-flash-cards/>

This will be our last set of States and Capitals Spelling words. Students should continue reviewing the states and capitals. We will be taking the test for all 50 states on November 2nd. Students will not be required to spell the states and capitals, just located and label them. They will have 3 chances to find and label the states. Here are a couple links to games your student can play to practice, but feel free to look for other resources to practice/study...

https://quizlet.com/_5era64

https://www.sporcle.com/games/Matt/find_the_states

<https://www.50states.com/quizzes/state-capitals.html?type=b#quiz-head>

Finally, next week yellow class will have a BINGO party in Spanish to celebrate meeting our fundraiser goal. Blue class will be having a movie and popcorn party on Wednesday after lunch to celebrate 2nd place in the school fundraiser. Thank you for your generosity to the PTA!

Also, we are ordering our class t-shirts. I sent home the order forms today, and would like to have them all back as soon as possible!

10-5-18

This week was a crazy one as we had some unexpected work going on in the classrooms and spent a couple of days together. Hopefully this will be our last interruption! We are going to turn in box tops next week, so please send them with your student asap so they can get counted for the school competition.

This week in math we worked with subtracting decimal numbers, rounding decimals and reading charts and graphs that contain decimals. Next week we will review everything we have done with decimals and take the unit 2 test.

We didn't get very far with our essay this week, so next week we will be spending a lot more time writing to answer the prompt: Should the United States still use pennies? In reading, we started a story called *Elisa's Diary*. We examined flashbacks, and cliffhangers in the story and analyzed how and why the author organized the story that way. Feel free to point out examples of flashbacks and cliffhangers in any books you read or shows you watch with your student.

Next week the Spelling test will be the mid Atlantic States:

<https://quizlet.com/149276005/us-states-and-capitals-mid-atlantic-states-flash-cards/>

Here is the link to study ALL the states we have done so far:

https://quizlet.com/_5cl0ay