

TRAVELOGUE FROM ROUTE 21

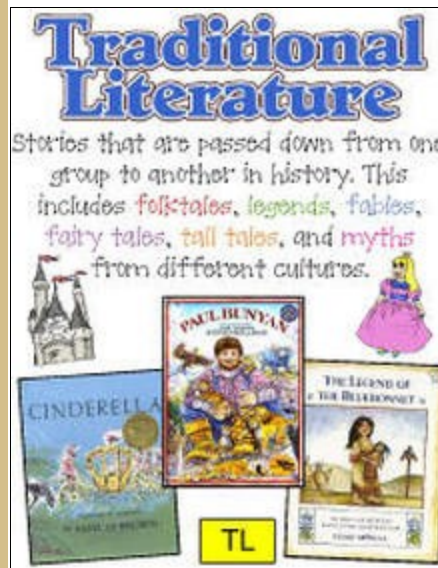
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We have been working in Unit 3 of math—working with fractions and their equivalencies. As I shared with many of you at conferences, the EM 4 math website is a wonderful source for practicing these skills. Please have your child work with the E Toolkit to practice. Unit 3 Homelinks will be coming home on Monday and if you need “manipulatives” to do the activities, please have your child head there! All the pages should be review!

I have been faced with a difficult dilemma as well. A couple of students have shared with me that they are copying the answers for their Homelinks from the answer sheet I send home. The reason I do send the answer sheets home is two-fold. One is so you can look over your child's paper easily and if they have made an error, you have the opportunity to help them correct it prior to turning it in. The other reason is that if YOU are having difficulty understanding the work, having the correct answer to guide your child is helpful. I am going to ask that you do put the answer sheets out of child's reach. If they don't know how to do something, I want them to ask for help, not just turn in the right answers!

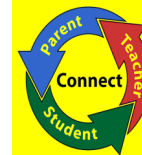
Our next unit in reading: Traditional Literature



We have made an interesting discovery—sorting books by genre is NOT as easy as it looks! A decision was made that we needed to reorganize our library—an immense task we tried to tackle. We did get the books divided by fiction and non-fiction. Our next challenge—can we break them down? The class decided that they would like to categorize the non fiction using the Dewey decimal system! This should be fun!

Monday, Dec. 7 evening

- 5:50 1st graders line up in the band room
- 6:00-6:15 1st grade program in auditorium
- 6:25 2nd graders line up in the choir room
3rd graders line up in the band room
- 6:40-7:05 2nd and 3rd grade program in the auditorium
- 7:15 4th graders line up in the band room
5th graders line up in the choir room
- 7:30-7:55 4th and 5th grade program in the auditorium



A big thank you to all of you for attending conferences last week! There is nothing better than sitting down to talk about our favorite subject - your child! If you have any questions along our trip prior to March, please know that I welcome your emails!

As you know, we have completed our read aloud Wonder. If YOU have not yet read it, I can't recommend it enough. It will definitely be a book we will be referring to the rest of the year.



November 24 - Pencil Hangout
November 25-27 - NO SCHOOL. THANKSGIVING BREAK!

More December info to come!

December 7 - Holiday Music Program at RHS Auditorium
December 16 - Pencil Hangout
December 17 - Classroom Holiday Parties
December 18 - Spirit Day - Pajama Day
December 21-January 1st - NO SCHOOL. WINTER BREAK!
January 4 - School is back in session



In science, we have been working hard on our study of states of matter. On our website now is an **AMAZING** science link which includes states of matter. Please be sure to check it out. It is on our Maps -Tools for Home, Websites, Explore Science button. We will be completing some fun experiments in the next couple of weeks and will take the assessment prior to our holiday break.