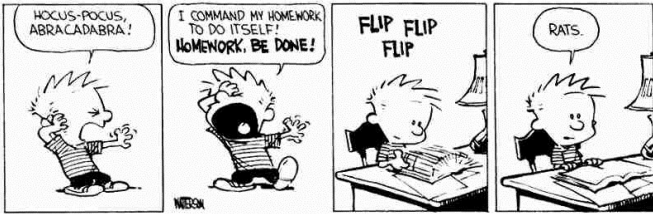


TRAVELOGUE FROM ROUTE 21

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If nothing ever changed, there'd be no butterflies.
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I am really having to crack down on late homework. For some kiddos, this has become a bad habit. If homework is not turned in on time, they will be spending recess time completing it. I know this time of the year gets busy, however it's important that we finish strong!

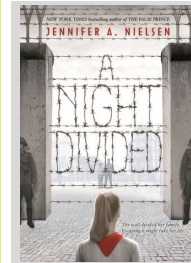
Unit 7 in math focuses on multiplication of a fraction by a whole number and measurement. Student formalize their understanding of multiplying a fraction by a whole number and using this knowledge to solve problems in real-world scenarios. We are realizing that when a problem says to multiple, we often have to use our division skills as well!

Please keep on practicing those math facts! I am seeing more confidence—and this is important as we grow nearer to our MStep time!

As a grand finale to our historical fiction unit, we learned how to write a news report using the book Survived True Stories: Extreme Weather! Each student chose one story from the book, Hurricane Sandy, the Joplin tornado or the Alaskan avalanche. After collecting the 5WH (who, what, where, when, why and how) from the story, followed the "recipe" to write their 8-10 sentence news report. We watch Walter Cronkite on YouTube deliver reports like this! We then went to the computer lab and typed our report in ONE sitting, just like a real reporter would have to do! These reports are hanging in the hall for you to check out Wednesday!

Our new genre—Science Fiction/Fantasy!

MStep schedule for OUR class is just a little different than the other two 4th grades! Please be sure to look at OUR dates!



Our new read aloud is from our historical fiction genre as there was much curiosity about the book. We are reading A Night Divided—the building of the Berlin Wall and a family living next to it.

April 20 - Volunteer Breakfast at 7:30am

April 29 - Spirit Day: Hat Day

MAY:

May 2-6 - Teacher Appreciation Week

May 4 - Morning with Mom at 7:30am (Students with last names A-L)

May 5 - Morning with Mom at 7:30am (Students with last names M-Z)

May 5 - National Day of Prayer (optional; met at the flagpole at 8:00am)

May 10 - Repro Health Video Screening for 4/5th grade parents at 3:00pm

May 10 & 12 - English Language Arts MStep—AM - SCHROEDER SCHEDULE

May 18-20 Math & Science MStep—AM—SCHROEDER SCHEDULE



Yup, MStep assessment time is coming and before I go any farther, I DO NOT WANT ANYONE TO GET NERVOUS, UPTIGHT or WORRIED about this! This is simply one more

assessment to see what has been learned thus far. We will be assessing math, language arts and science this year. Unlike last year, the test will be taken on a computer, and for our class, we will be in the computer lab. IF your child has not yet brought in ear buds/headphones, would you PLEASE get that taken care of by the end of next week? I will be sending home info next week re: MStep but for now, please be thinking about good bedtimes, and excellent breakfasts—and yes, there will be NO regular homework during that time!

The States window of time for MStep Paper/Pencil Test Dates — Grades 4 and 7

May 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 ELA Day 1	11 ELA Day 2	12 Makeup ELA	13 Makeup ELA	14
15	16 Makeup ELA	17 MATH Day 1	18 MATH Day 2	19 SCIENCE	20 Makeup any content area	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Makeup - any content area						
29	30	31				



We're gonna rock down to Electric Avenue. . . .

We have had some much fun experimenting with electricity. The teams were handed a flashlight bulb, light stand, 2 wires, one D cell and a holder and asked to light the bulb! Listening to the electricians try to figure it out more than one way and having to explain why one way worked and another different was amazing. In our interactive science notebooks, we wrote about CONDUCTORS and INSULATORS—and their importance! This week we will be introducing motors and switches into our projects—working vocabulary of OPEN and CLOSED circuits!

Mrs. Schroeder

Social Studies

We have been so busy learning about the Titanic with our Comprehension Toolkit and then taking this learning opportunity to have a Project Based Learning on the Titanic. Each student has either done an individual or group project regarding some aspect of the Titanic. Some students are researching, building, designing, working on a Power Point and some students are drawing. Each student has selected a project based on their interest and excitement level. Once the project is completed, all of these will be on display in the Crestwood Library until the end of the month.

Mrs. Grifhorst

Math Extension Block

We've been working hard practicing Mstep skills! We've practiced computer skills needed, such as 'drag n drop', scroll, high-light, click/doubleclick. We've also take some time to take practice Mstep tests online for math, language arts, or science. Also, we started a FUN project on building our own movie theater! We have calculated seating numbers and the cost for materials & food. During our math block we've also still been able to practice math concepts using Prodigy math online. Keep up the great work, mathematicians!

Mrs. Hersberger