

TRAVELOGUE FROM ROUTE 21

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Welcome to the newsletter from Route 21 with Mrs. Schroeder's 4th graders! I am excited to be able to share with you all of the sights and sounds we have encountered on this trip during the year! I am going to make our newsletters bi-weekly. If something comes up during the week that we simply MUST tell you, we'll drop you a quick line via Message Center to let you know!



In Social Studies, our special focuses were on 9/11—Patriot's Day and Constitution Day.

The Boy Scouts from CRW lead us in the Pledge on 9/11 and we continued by looking at a PowerPoint about the places and people of that event. I must say that the class asked

very good questions. I know for me, this was and still is, a very emotional day and as I shared with the class, it's a day that brought our country closer together.



Constitution Day was taught by Mrs. Grifhorst, and was focused on the Preamble of the

Constitution. We had fun with a "blast of the past" video from Schoolhouse Rock! Check it out!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0EfnNUt_nwY

Our first unit in science is Organisms in their Environment.

Our four basic understandings are:

- *Plants and animals have basic needs to survive .
- *Individual difference in the characteristics of organisms of the same species can be an advantage or disadvantage for survival
- *Organisms interact with one another within their habitat and are all a part of a food web.
- *Changes in the environment affect food webs with different habitats.



Congratulations go out to our Student Council Representatives!

**Jack Lockwood Handgy Kirk
Neallie Lacic**



Our first read aloud, Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library is well on its way!

This is a fun book that is part mystery, part fantasy, and part realistic fiction that will introduce us to both genre and the Dewey decimal system.



Survival swim was GREAT!
One thing that the class discussed is the OPTIONAL item of a sweatshirt to even just wear home on the bus. Getting out of the pool was chilly!



Already on display is our License to Learn

that has NO expiration date! Continuing on our travel theme, we completed a writing project called "Our Summer in the Rear View Mirror" which will be on display this week. Such amazingly descriptive writers! We have also written our first baseline piece of informational writing.

We've started assessing in math.



We've taken a timed test in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, which have been coming home daily. The district expectation is 90% or better to be considered mastered. Included in this week's homework: an M&M book for practice! Check out your child's Roadtrip folder!

In our first unit in math, we are looking at place value and multi digit addition and subtraction!

September 30: Picture Day for OUR CLASS

October 1: - **2 hour Late Start** (school begins at 10:40am) / Activity Passes are due today!

October 7: - Student COUNT DAY!

October 9: - Spirit Day - RAM Wear

Looking ahead:

October 23: - **Half Day (dismissal at 12:00)** and Pumpkin Run

