

Our Classroom News

Ms. Austin – Mrs. Berry – Mrs. Bygrave – Ms. Jackson

What's Happening This Month

- December 1: ALL Science Fair Boards due
- December 20: End of 2nd quarter grading period
- December 21 – 30: Winter break
- January 2: Staff/ Student Holiday
- January 3: Teacher workday
- January 4: School resumes

Important Information

- Many thanks to those of you who read our newsletter and sent your children in with earbuds, pencils and paper. PLEASE make sure your child has a set of earbuds to leave at school – many of our intervention resources are much more effective when sound can be used! Earbuds are a must and each child was given a free set at the beginning of the year (some students are more responsible than others and earbuds have been found in the trash and damaged on the floor). The disregard for school property is a problem with all teacher materials in our room and school wide. Littering on campus, in the room, breaking materials on purpose, drawing on walls, vandalizing the bathrooms .. It is a continuous battle in the 4th and 5th grade halls and is a deterrent to our ability to teach effectively. Numerous conversations have been in place at school. Please take a minute to remind your child of YOUR expectations.

A Peek At What We Are Learning This Month

ELA/ Writing

We have become quite accustomed to using text features in informative writing to help us understand text better. Students will be working on their animal project over the next 3 weeks. This is our first “research” based project so students will be expected to be on the websites directed rather than spending valuable class time on sites not specified. We are reading and learning through our read alouds and shared reading articles. Students will enjoy some holiday readings – celebrating Christmas around the world, the caribou being the true reindeer as well as the making of a candy cane.

Math

Students have now been instructed how to multiply a 1 digit number by up to a 4 digit number. They also can use an area model to multiply a 2 digit number by a 2 digit number. We are studying multiples, factors and prime and composite numbers and will be working on division within a week or two. It goes without saying that students who have not mastered their multiplication tables will struggle as well with division. It is still recommended that parents practice this skill with their children at home... in the car, at the dinner table. Practice makes perfect!

Science

We cannot wait to see the cool experiments your child is submitting! Remember the December 1 deadline is a firm district deadline. This will count as a major grade in your child's science class. We are still in our unit of earth science – moving around the solar system through planets, earth, sun, constellations, comets, and galaxies!

Social Studies

We continue to study the colonization of the New World – OUR WORLD, AMERICA!! Students will study the different regions of English, French, Spanish and Dutch colonization, focusing primarily on the great southern colony of South Carolina!

Character Trait of the Month

Citizenship was the Caughman Road character trait for the month of November. Citizenship in the classroom is the overall ability of a student to fulfill the duties and obligations expected in the classroom. Congratulations to our Comets of the Month: Ryan McAdams, Mikayla Odum, Ivory Brown, Prince Jacobs, Ansh Phogaat, Taliyah Pinckney, Christopher Banks, and London Davis.