

Mrs. Nemo's & Mrs. Tarr's

Class News

September



9/20/13

Content Corner

Coming Up...

Reading:

We're continuing to make connections, but will dig even deeper and find symbolism in text.

Students will also learn how to write a claim about a text and support it with evidence from the text.

Writing:

We'll be wrapping up publishing our first projects which are due on Monday. We will then begin our next unit on personal narratives by generating ideas.

Math:

Next week, we will work on estimation of addition and subtraction. We will review both rounding and front-end estimation strategies using the Math in Focus textbook. Students will also continue to review mental math strategies.

Science:

Students will begin their first science unit in Earth Science. Materials found in soil will be our focus.

9/24: First Roxaboxen day

9/27: Midterms

9/30: Cookie Dough

Fundraiser money due

10/8: OAA (Ohio Achievement Assessment) in reading

In the Spotlight

Maria has been a very responsible student. She is always ready for class and ready to participate. She's doing a wonderful job of using her new learning about making connections in texts to find deeper meaning. Nice job Maria. Continue your hard work!



Notes From the Teacher

- We are in GREAT NEED of snacks for the snack shop at Roxaboxen. Please send in any snacks you are able to donate before Tuesday.
- Please encourage your child to talk about and use mental math strategies he/she is learning. Quick mental math problems with smaller numbers in the car are a great way to practice when you're on the go.
- Take a look at the spelling workshop materials Mrs. Nemo sent out through e-mail for a reference.



Ask Me About...

- Connections readers make while reading and how they help readers
- A book called The Other Side
- What the word "segregation" means
- The short video we watched about civil rights
- What my first writing project is about and what writing genre I chose
- The steps in the writing process (prewriting-or what we call generating ideas and nurturing that idea, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing)
- What we do in our spelling groups
- Our Roxaboxen town name we voted on
- Mental math
- A mental math strategy for addition
- The "add the tens, add the ones" strategy



Websites/Literature



Snakes! by L. Recht Penner (Level L)
Tikki Tikki Tembo by Arlene Mosel (Level L)
Chicken Sunday by Patricia Polacco (Level N)
<http://www.quia.com/pp/1298.html>
(Practice sequencing through a game!)

