



NICKERSON'S NEWS

Language Arts

This week and next, we will review all of our reading skills in preparation for the FCAT. We are paying special attention to Main Idea, Theme, and Figurative Language. We will also begin using figurative and language in our writing this week as we learn more about idioms, similes, metaphors, and alliteration.

Math

We have moved into a study of geometric figures and angles. We have touched on these earlier this year, but we are now doing a more intensive study of these concepts. If fractions and division are still difficult for you, don't worry - geometry is completely different and it might just be easier for you. Take this chance to learn the shapes so you can breeze through these types of questions on the FCAT.

Science/S.S

We began plant and animal dependence before the break and will continue with that this week. We will learn about the various types of living creatures, biomes/habitats, and energy sources for living things. We will take an open note test on Friday so be sure to take good notes this week! ☺

Next week we will learn about cells and body systems.

Homework

<u>Due</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Tue	* Required portions of Spring Break Packet due
Thur	* Math practice test
Fri	* Rdg log & journal due * Entire Spring Break packet * Idiom Worksheet * Wkly times & division quiz * Science Test – Unit 7 (students can use class notes during test)
Next Week	* Math Test 4/9 – Unit 7 (Angles & Figures) * Body System Creative Writing Assignment due 4/9 (details will be discussed this week in class)

F.Y.I.

Testing Countdown: As of Wednesday, there are 7.5 days until FCATS. Please be sure to be here every day on time so as not to miss any important concepts. We're $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the year - now let's show the FCAT people what we've got!

End-of-year Field Trip: As you probably are aware, the annual 5th grade class trip is to Sea World - yay! More information will be coming home over the next few weeks, but you might want to start

saving up for the big day.

Parents: I am planning on doing a variety of math stations next week as a thorough review while I work with small groups. If you are able to help out in the afternoons next week, please let me know.

Specials this Week:

T: Art
W: PE - wear sneakers
TH: iPads/Computer Lab
F: PE - wear sneakers

BONUS ?

Could a hexagonal prism also be a polyhedron? Why/why not?

Calendar



- * 4/4 - Early Release
- * 4/14-4/15 - FCAT Reading
- * 4/16-4/17 - FCAT Science
- * 4/21-4/25 - FCAT Math*

The Math FCAT is computerized and will be taken over the course of 2 days during the 2nd week of FCATS (4/21-4/25). All dates are subject to change.