



# NICKERSON'S NEWS

## Language Arts

We will continue practicing our visualizing and interaction with text strategies with both fiction and non-fiction text this week.

Vocab words and prefixes/suffixes were provided on Friday so students should have plenty of time to study for our Friday quiz, despite our two days off.

## Math

We will begin our unit on fractions this upcoming week. We will spend the next month or so on this unit of study. To help practice these concepts, we will have nightly homework. In addition, our hw and quizzes will have review questions from our previous units of study as well.

## Science/S.S

In Science we'll finish our study of weather patterns and begin a review of the rock cycle (from previous grades' learning). A study guide for our 1/31 midterm will come home on 1/24. There will also be 3-4 nights of science hw for the next few months.

In Social Studies, students will work on two in-class projects to assess their knowledge of the 1600-1800 history.

## Homework

<u>Due</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Wed	* Science hw (both reading articles and questions)
Thu	* Math hw * Science hw * 5-min math facts*
Fri	* 4 nights x 20-min rdg log * Reading journal * Wkly times & division quiz * 5-min math facts* * Vocabulary Quiz * Science Test (weather terms and patterns, atmosphere, and water cycle) * All in-class station work

\* For those students who are not in the green on our data wall (90 or more questions correct in 5 minutes).

## **F.Y.I.**

**Science Fair: DON'T** procrastinate! Science Fair boards, written reports and data notebooks are due 1/31. Directions have been sent home and must be followed for credit to be given.

**Reading HW:** Student nightly hw for the next few months will increase to one math practice page and one science/social studies packet nightly. Since the science and social studies articles involve practicing the reading skills we are learning in class,

I'm going to reduce the individual required reading time from 2 hours a week to 80 minutes. This means that instead of 4 nights with 30 minutes each, students will need just 4 nights of 20 minutes each. Extra reading, however, is always rewarded! The reading journal is still required. ☺

### **Specials this Week:**

W: Computer  
TH: PE - wear sneakers  
F: Art

## **BONUS ?**

Which does more damage: weathering or erosion?

## Calendar



- \* **1/20-1/21** No School (work on science fair)
- \* **1/29** Science Fair help; 3:30-4:30 (bring questions and practice presentation, no need to bring boards.)
- \* **1/31** Science Fair due
- \* **2/7** Science Mid Term