



# NICKERSON'S NEWS

<u>Language Arts</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Science/S.S</u>	<u>Homework</u>										
<p>Our focus for reading instruction over the next few weeks will be on informational text. In writing, we'll work on expository/informational writing, specifically science fair research and writing.</p> <p>Spelling and vocabulary words will be limited over the next few weeks to lighten the homework load so students can have more time to focus on science fair.</p>	<p>In math this week, we will continue working on word problems with integers along with learning the order of operations (PEMDAS). As part of the order of operations, students will learn about exponents as well. By the way, parents &amp; students, any time you are stuck on math hw, feel free to check out <a href="http://mathisfun.com">mathisfun.com</a> for helpful lessons.</p>	<p>We will work on science fair this week and begin our unit on Earth Systems. This unit will cover the water cycle, weather patterns, and rock cycle. It's a lot to learn, but much of it is a review from previous years. I hope to finish this unit by the break.</p> <p>In Social Studies, we will learn about the first settlements by explorers and the reasons for their relocation to this "new" land.</p>	<table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1040 422 1117 457"><u>Due</u></th> <th data-bbox="1138 422 1442 457"><u>Assignment</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1040 470 1117 506">Tue</td> <td data-bbox="1138 470 1539 569">* Math wksht * WORK ON SCIENCE FAIR EACH NIGHT THIS WEEK!</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1040 600 1117 636">Wed</td> <td data-bbox="1138 600 1495 699">* Math quiz – integer word problems and order of operations</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1040 730 1117 766">Thu</td> <td data-bbox="1138 730 1370 766">* Grammar wkst.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1040 779 1117 814">Fri</td> <td data-bbox="1138 779 1528 1094">* 4 nights x 30-min rdg log * Reading journal * Correct <math>\times / \div</math> quiz, 5x each * Spell/vocab/grammar quiz * Wkly times &amp; division quiz * Science Fair problem, research, and hypothesis due – See Data Notebook for details</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Due</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	Tue	* Math wksht * WORK ON SCIENCE FAIR EACH NIGHT THIS WEEK!	Wed	* Math quiz – integer word problems and order of operations	Thu	* Grammar wkst.	Fri	* 4 nights x 30-min rdg log * Reading journal * Correct $\times / \div$ quiz, 5x each * Spell/vocab/grammar quiz * Wkly times & division quiz * Science Fair problem, research, and hypothesis due – See Data Notebook for details
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## F.Y.I.

**Science Fair:** Science fair is in full swing. Please be sure to check out your student's data notebook for due dates. We will try to do much of the work in class, but not all of it can be done this way. This project offers significant learning opportunities: it helps students understand research, read informational text, learn the scientific method, perform scientific tests, calculate results, graph data, draw conclusions, and present findings both in writing and oral presentation.

**Times Tables:** Students, please continue to work on these nightly. If your quiz grade does not increase weekly, you will be asked to complete additional hw to help you master your facts.

**Specials this Week:**

- M: Computer (C day)
- T: PE (D day) - wear sneakers
- W: Art (A day)
- Th: PE (B day) - wear sneakers
- F: Computer (C day)

## BONUS ?

How can two negatives be a positive?

### Calendar



- \* 12/3 PTO Mtg. (6:00)
- \* 12/4 Early Release
- \* 12/20 Class Holiday Party (*more details to come*)
- \* 12/21-1/5 Winter Break  
NO SCHOOL