



NICKERSON'S NEWS

Language Arts

This week we will begin our next language arts unit, which is tackling complex text. We will use a variety of reading materials, from brochures to poetry, from literature to biographies. We will continue with our daily grammar, finish up our class reading book, and work on our individual literature circle books.

Vocab words will feature science terms this week.

Math

I will assess students' fraction knowledge Monday (not a graded assessment) so I may break the class into two groups. Many of the students are very comfortable with fractions and need to move on with some above-grade concepts, while others need more focus on the basics. Both groups will focus on uncommon denominators this week. There will be a quiz on common and uncommon denominators this Wednesday.

Science/S.S

Students will present their science fair projects this week. (Schedules were discussed Friday and recorded in agendas). We will also begin our unit on matter. This will be a fast-paced review unit, and we will test on Friday.

In Social Studies, we will learn about the events leading up to and the causes for the revolutionary war.

Homework

<u>Due</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Tue	* Math sheet * Science sheet
Wed	* Math sheet * Science sheet * Math quiz
Thu	* Math sheet * Science sheet
Fri	* Rdg log & journal due * Wkly times & division quiz * Science test
Wknd	* Complete any "Correct and return" work or missing assignments.

*5-10 minutes of practice required for those students who are not scoring 90 or more questions correct in 5 minutes. **Parent signature in agenda each night of practice.**

F.Y.I.

Valentine's: I haven't had any volunteers yet for heart-happy fruit snacks for our Valentine's Day treats. If you're able to send in some, please let me know by Wednesday.

No-Name Assignments: Please remind your children the importance of properly heading their paper. This weekend, I had over 30 assignments turned in without any names. Trust me when I say I sound like a broken record: "Names, Dates, Numbers." I must

say this at least 20 times a day. The typical teacher policy is to discard all "No Name" papers and assign 0s in the gradebook. I will, however, allow students to redo the work for partial credit.

Specials this Week:

M: PE - wear sneakers
T: Media
W: PE - wear sneakers
TH: Computer
F: PE - wear sneakers

BONUS ?

What are three ways to describe matter?

Calendar



- * 2/11 SAC & PTA meeting (5:30 and 6:00pm)
- * 2/17 No School
- * 2/24 Chick-Fil-A Night
- * 2/24-28 Book Fair