

Miss Bridgman's Rockin' Review

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Students enjoy their first time back in the library

Dear room 16 students and families,

Well, the 2016-2017 school year is off to a fantastic start! This week the class and I have been getting to know each other through activities and discussions. As a class, they were asked to achieve a number of tasks requiring team work, critical thinking skills, and deductive reasoning. We have had a great time laughing and learning together and I cannot wait to see what is in store for us in the coming months.

There are a few reward systems in place for students this year. Weekly I will hold a raffle for prizes that the kids decided on. Secondly, as a class they can earn letters of the alphabet to spell out a word by following the expectations and being responsible, respectful, and safe during the school day. The class also each wrote a letter to their future selves which were such a hoot to read!

I want to thank everyone who came out for back to school night and to thank the parents who completed their "homework". It was great to meet students and parents and establish that initial relationship. I'm sure we can keep the lines of communication open throughout the course of the school year and I hope you never hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. I'm looking forward to an excellent school year!

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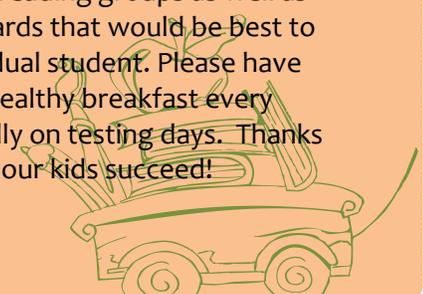
ACADEMICS

This year we have quite an exciting and rigorous curriculum planned. Math and Language Arts will be taught every day. My plan is to switch off teaching science and social studies units. More information on that to come.

Many states in this country have adopted the common core state standards method of academic measurement. These standards have led to the welcome implementation of a rigorous and challenging curriculum particularly in math and reading. So please expect homework for your student just about every night. We will be filling in our assignment notebooks daily and I do ask that a parent or guardian initials the notebook each day. In an effort to keep students organized and turning in the work I believe it is important to utilize our assignment notebook tool and make sure parents and teacher and students are all on the same page. On that note, if there is any information I should know about your student you may leave me notes in the assignment notebook. For example, if the student had a late night practice and they may be tired that day. I will most likely do the same as a way of communicating about a student's progress 😊

THE WEEK AHEAD

Next week we will be diving right into the curriculum for math, Language Arts, and Science. However, on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week students will be MAP tested to determine their current attainment level. The data from this test is utilized in many ways. We use it to determine math and reading groups as well as target specific standards that would be best to teach for each individual student. Please have your students eat a healthy breakfast every morning and especially on testing days. Thanks for all you do to help our kids succeed!



IN THE NEAR FUTURE...

I plan on choosing one student to do a book recommendation for the class each week. They will present on Friday's. The book can be fiction or non-fiction and the student will be presenting on all the reasons it's an excellent book. I will present the first book recommendation in a few weeks. Once a student recommends a book, I promise to purchase a copy for the class library 😊

More information on that will be coming soon!



The picture shown above is our **Husky** named Colt. He is three years old and has the sweetest personality and a TON of energy. I will most likely be including a picture of Colt or Colt and I in each of these because he's just so cute! I like to think of him as our class mascot because I can tell this class is sweet and also full of personality and energy!

Thanks again for reading and have a wonderful weekend!

Go Huskies!

-Miss Emily Bridgman