



Mrs. Staub`s Newsletter  
Friday, May 11, 2012



**Language Arts and Reading (morning section):** This week we worked on beginning a new grammar unit. We reviewed how to find a preposition, conjunction, and interjection in a sentence. There will be a grammar quiz on Wednesday next week and a study session on Tuesday morning beginning at 8:00. In the beginning of the week students presented their fourth quarter book projects. For this assignment students had to speak in first person as the main character of their novel and retell the events using their story elements. All project grades are in the Friday Folder this week. We even had time to work on reading and discussing out of our novel. Our main focus this week was on finishing our Mother`s Day projects. You will all receive your surprises on Sunday morning- we know you are really going to enjoy this creation! Happy Mother`s Day to all the wonderful mothers! Our week ended presenting our biography projects. For this assignment students chose a person in their lives who they admire, and they researched them. After interviewing, writing a five paragraph essay, and creating a presentation, the students presented these wonderful people to their peers. What a fun way to spend a Thursday! Next week we will continue reading in our novel, finish typing our fairy tales, and complete our last grammar unit. There are also a few fun interactive lessons that are planned for throughout the week.

**Language Arts and Reading (afternoon section):** This week we worked on beginning a new grammar unit. We reviewed how to find a preposition, conjunction, and interjection in a sentence. There will be a grammar quiz on Wednesday next week and a study session on Tuesday morning beginning at 8:00. In the beginning of the week students presented their fourth quarter book projects. For this assignment students had to speak in first person as the main character of their novel and retell the events using their story elements. We still have a few more students to go so project grades will be in next week`s Friday Folder. We even had time to work on reading, discussing, and questioning from our new novels. The students really like how they are reading books they choose to read as their final assignment. Our main focus this week was on finishing our Mother`s Day projects. You will all receive your surprises on Sunday morning- we know you are really going to enjoy this creation! Happy Mother`s Day to all the wonderful mothers! Next week we will continue reading in our novel, finish typing our fairy tales, and complete our last grammar unit. There are also a few fun interactive lessons that are planned for throughout the week.

**Social Studies:** This week we worked hard on our studies of the Mayan culture. This will allow us time next week to finish the chapter with one more civilization. We all had fun learning about the game the Mayans enjoyed playing, pokta-pok. It was a surprise to all to learn about the similarities and differences that arose from this popular game in the past and the game of soccer that many of us play now. In the beginning of the week we spent a lot of time on the geography of North America. While in the middle of the week we focused on life style, crops, and religion. The Mayans were polytheistic so we read and discussed some of their most popular gods. It was a real eye opener reading and discussing the forms of sacrifice that were done by these people as well- it made many of us happy we did not live during this time period. We even had time this week to view some cool, real life pictures of the Mayan ruins and work on our class play. All students should have an empty toilet paper roll for class on Wednesday.

**Important reminders**

- If anyone can help with track and field day please contact Miss Lennox.