

Mr. Dulberger's Latest News

More Than Just MSA March!

MSA will not be the only challenge that Mr. Dulberger's 5th grade class faces this month! We are excited to continue the third marking period with new goals, I can statements (objectives), books, and higher order discussions.

CHARACTER COUNTS

During the month of March the character counts pillar will be Trustworthiness. Please talk with your child about ways to exemplify this trait. Mr. Funkhouser will also be working with students to overcome Test Anxiety as they gear up for MSA. Feel free to access his iTunes University course from home that he will be using to help us learn about helpful test taking tips.

MATH

We will continue our new unit in math as we dive deeper into fractions and relate them to decimals and percents. We will be playing games, watching videos, and solving real world problems to master operations with unfriendly fractions and mixed numbers. I encourage you to take a look at the helpful math videos that have been posted on MBC as well as on the iTunes University course we will be completing. I also suggest that you ask your child about the new math goals they have set for themselves.

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS

During the month of March we will be working on an I can statement that demonstrates the ability to compare texts across similar genres. As we continue to tackle more and more literature at school and at home, I encourage you to ask your child to make connections between similar books they have read. To promote a deeper comprehension of informational texts we will continue to develop higher order research questions to answer using multiple sources. Alphabet mapping is a prime example of how students can achieve this standard as we use various websites, texts, videos and graphics to research a single topic. I encourage you to share or discuss any research reports/ projects you enjoyed as a student or are currently working on with your child if possible.

WRITING

Now that we have concluded our informative writing unit, I encourage you to ask your child the strategies they learned while researching and writing about their American Revolution topic. We will use continue to use Science and Social Studies content as well as events occurring in the real world to drive our next unit on opinion writing. Please continue to monitor your child's digi-

tal notebook on Evernote.

WORD STUDY

We will continue with our spelling program next week as we dive into more difficult and useful word patterns. I encourage you to help your child seek out additional opportunities to study some of our content vocabulary words. Creating flash cards with pictures and definitions can help them learn to spell and understand many of the words we read and use in Science and Social Studies.

RESPONSIBILITY

Your child enjoyed many opportunities to demonstrate responsibility throughout their week of Outdoor School. Managing flag and kitchen duties as well as daily chores in the dorms were all a part of 5th grade responsibilities at Fairview. I encourage you to ask your child about a job they had while attending Outdoor School.

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Special points of interest:

- ⇒ Reading MSA 3/3-3/5
- ⇒ Daylight Savings 3/9
- ⇒ Math MSA 3/11-3/13
- ⇒ Science MSA 3/31-4/2
- ⇒ AR Exhibition Extravaganza 3/25

Happy Birthday!

Abby Niang—3/11

Quote of the Month:

"What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals." - Henry David Thoreau

Super Social Studies & Science News!

SCIENCE

We had an AWESOME week at Fairview Outdoor School where we were truly engaged in hands on lessons on cells, navigation, life cycles and more. We are looking forward to expanding on this knowledge in our classroom.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Our class will be hosting an American Revolution Exhibition Extravaganza from 1:00-2:30 PM on Tuesday, March 25, 2014. Please join us as we share our research reports and home-made projects that demonstrate our ability to:

- Integrate information from several texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably.
- Analyze the causes of the American Revolution

We LOVE TECHNOLOGY!!!

Classroom Website

Check out some of the new pictures/ videos under Arts Integration!

TWITTER

Follow what we do on Twitter @mrdulberger look for hash-tags #emmakdoub #5thgradeEKD

My Big Campus

Check out the latest and greatest activities going on in class on My Big Campus Announcements!

Online Sources:

- <http://www.mission-us.org/> An AWESOME gamified way to learn about and experience the American Revolution
- <http://scratch.mit.edu/> - A GREAT way for kids to learn beginner programming/ coding skills

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