



Ms. Arbuckle's Grade 4 Class

A Week in Review (May 18-22)



Housekeeping

The entire school is going to see the play, Beauty and the Beast this Wednesday. Permission forms were sent home last week. If you have not already done so, **please return the form as soon as possible along with the \$2** that it costs to attend. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to see a fairy tale that they have read come to life!

"Drive One for UR School", our exciting fundraiser with Taylor Ford Auto is happening this weekend! This is a wonderful opportunity to help raise a lot of money for your school without having to pay a penny. All you need to do is show up, take a 20 minute test drive in a brand new car (there are even rumours of some dream cars available to test out) and Ford gives WRES \$20. All monies raised will go towards books, playground equipment and more.

Literacy

Students have finished up their persuasive letters last week and I will be checking them to see how they did. The goal was to take all things learned from the year in mini-lessons on word choice, organization, conventions (spelling, grammar, punctuation) and sentence structure, and create a piece independently, without conferencing with me to show that they are able to begin and end a piece using the strategies taught over the school year. I took a quick peek as they handed them in and am excited to read them more thoroughly.

We will be taking a closer look at fairy tales and poetry for the remainder of the school year. We will look at story structure (plot, characters, conflict, theme and setting) as a way of breaking down a story into its elements. This is a way for students to see the importance of organizing their own writing.

Math

Last week the kids took a look at Measurement. They learned how to find the area of regular and irregular shapes (length x width). We look at benchmarks of centimeter and meters (fingernail, doorway) so that students can estimate. Finally on Friday students went outside and were given dimensions in meters and asked to create large shapes and find the area. This was a fun and beneficial activity for kids as they learned some real-life skills. This week we will continue looking at measurement using different shapes.

Bulletin

A reminder that the weather is getting warmer. Please be sure to send a water bottle with your kids each day. They are running around on the playground and are very thirsty throughout the day. If they have a water bottle on their desk it prevents them from making multiple trips to the fountain, missing out on learning.

Also, please be aware that flip flops and crocs are not permitted on the playground, as they are a safety risk.

Announcements

- Popcorn on Friday \$1
- Hot lunch due Friday
- Sentence homework due Friday
- Spelling list #7 test Friday