

May 1, 2016

Dear Parents,

May is here! Our field trip to Storm King Art Center is scheduled for this Thursday, May 5th. Students should wear comfortable shoes, bring a lunch & snack, and wear appropriate clothing for the weather as we will be outside.

Recently, we went back in time to look at immigration in United States history. The students read some interesting stories written by people that came here from other countries and learned what it was like becoming a new U.S. citizen. We've also just completed a unit highlighting several figures in US history that fought to make our country a better place with equal rights for its people: Eleanor Roosevelt, Cesar Chavez, Mary McLeod Bethune, Jackie Robinson, Susan B. Anthony, etc.

In writing, we are (sadly) finished with our unit on poetry. The students each wrote eight different styles of poems that have been combined to create their own personal book of poetry! In math, we've practiced A LOT of addition/subtraction of larger numbers with regrouping, introduced telling time/elapsed time, and will begin working with different types of graphs soon: reading them, creating them, and interpreting data.

We will soon be starting a unit on Community Helpers! If you have a job in the community and would like to come in to speak with the class about it, please let me know! I will be sending home a notice with info about this soon and scheduling guest speakers to come in late May-early June.

Other events and dates to note this month:

- \*STAR Testing: ELA - May 4th and Math - May 11th
- \*May 20th - No School for Students (Supt. Conf. Day)
- \*May 27th-30th - School Closed

Happy Spring!  
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