

Livonia
Intermediate
School

Mrs. Mennucci's Classroom News

Friday, January
21st
For the week of
1/24-1/27

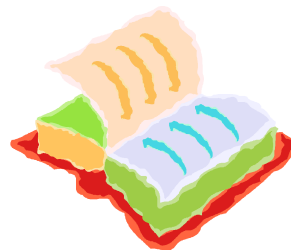
News you can use:

- Band practice is on Tuesday and Thursday next week.
- PE is on Monday and Wednesday next week.
- No school on Friday, 1/28— teacher planning day.
- Next Niagara Falls payment of \$30 per person is due on February 2nd! ****
- Please initial/sign your child's planner EVERY night to indicate that he/she completed the reading and homework. Please write the number of minutes your child read next to your initials.

Math

Math got a bit hairy this week with me being out for 2 days. I did not feel comfortable testing the students without me here to finish the unit and review. So, we did a day of review today and we will continue to review on Monday (this review sheet will mirror the test and will be perfect for studying). Students will now take the test on Tuesday, 1/25. I am very sorry for the change and any inconvenience it may cause. I think this will be better for the students in the long run.

If your child is struggling with his/her math facts, then I strongly suggest practicing with flash cards at home. These need to be immediately recalled at this point. Success in future math units will continue to be difficult for students who do not have their facts.



Language Arts

This week, students participated in a TRIBES lesson called Novel in an Hour. Students read different sections of *Sarah, Plain and Tall* in groups and then each group created a presentation of their section. Students will present to the class using any method they choose (art, drama, music, writing, etc.) next week. By the end, the whole class should be able to put the entire book together despite only reading a portion of it.

Students also went to the JHS to see Aladdin this week. Ask him/her about it.

Next week, we will read *All the Way There*, a non-fiction piece about explorer Matthew Henson. The students will be doing a RAFT writing assignment on this reading.

Science/SS

In science this week, students read and learned more about food webs and food chains. They created a food chain in an online game and we discussed the effects of different changes to the chain. Students also simulated a food web by standing in as different organisms in a food web and connecting themselves by yarn. It was a great way to see how all parts of the food web are connected. Finally, we took a quiz and watched a Magic School Bus video on food webs.

Thank you for all of the hard work on the Iroquois Projects. Students took their unit test for the Iroquois unit. Graded tests will be in the Friday folder next week. We will be moving on to study the European Explorers who first traveled to New York. Students will be completing a research project in the library with Mrs. Donohue.

