

Mrs. Mennucci's Classroom News

Friday, February
26th

For the week of
3/1-3/5

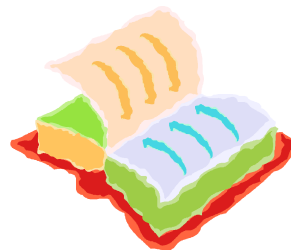
News you can use:

- Band practice is on M, W, F next week and PE is on Tues. and Thurs.
- Book orders are in the Friday folder. They are due by Fri., 3/11 if you are interested. Please remember that online ordering is available and accessible through my website.
- Information regarding parent conferences is in the Friday folder. Please return your slip with your preferences by Wed., 3/9 so I can send your confirmed time home to you by Friday, 3/11.
- Five-week progress reports can be found in the Friday folder. Please sign and return ONE copy, keeping the other for your records.
- The last Niagara Falls payment of \$30 per person is due on Friday, 3/11. Some students still owe money from the 2/2 payment. Please find a summary of your payments to date and the payments you still owe in the Friday folder.
- 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

Students should've brought home the study guide for unit 7 on Tuesday of this week. We finished the unit on Wednesday and reviewed on Thursday AND Friday because this was a more difficult unit and because the break fell in the middle of it. Students will take the test on Monday, 3/7. The parent letter for Unit 8 can be found in the Friday folder. We will begin this unit on Tuesday, 3/8.

Please remember that students need to complete Study Link 7.11, Layout of a Kitchen, the FRONT AND BACK by Tuesday, 3/8. They will need it for one of our lessons.



Science/SS

Students who were Pilgrims last week became crime scene investigators as they performed various experiments on unknown matter found at a crime scene this week. They also experimented on known substances in order to compare the results and identify the unknown. We had a fabulous time stepping into this simulation as we learned about matter!

Students who formerly enjoyed being crime scene investigators got to try a new experience this week; that of the Pilgrim! They traveled via boat to the

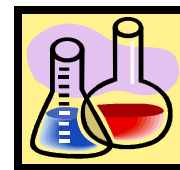
Language Arts

If you recall, students simply swapped content areas this week, so last week's SS kids became this week's science kids and vice versa. As I stated last week, ELA skills were used in both units.

Students spent the week using their language arts skills in science and SS. Pilgrims had to listen, write, read, and speak to gather process, and share information. They worked on keeping a journal of their adventures during the week.

Crime Scene Investigators read guided reading books about matter, read about the crime, and communicated the results of their experiments in writing. They also did a great deal of listening and speaking as they worked through the process of experiment to solve the crime.

Next week, we will finish up the Discovery Teams unit. We will take the test the following week. I also plan to begin a Women's History Month project next week. Students will bring home a note regarding this project on Monday of next week.



New World, wrote a compact, planted food, built houses, made peace with the Indians, and hopefully survived the first year!

Our materials for our next science unit have not arrived from BOCES yet, so we will be doing social studies only for the next week and half or so. Students will be staying with me for this social studies unit instead of switching to work with Mrs. Johnston or Mrs. Veldhuizen.