

8 October 2018

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend. It perhaps might have been more enjoyable if it had been just a bit cooler. I didn't spend much time outside because I had a lot of math grading and planning to catch up on. The students have written about their special classes and activities and I will be including them in this newsletter. First here is an overview of this week's work. In math 4th and 5th grade students are working on operations, number theory, and math properties. Sixth and seventh graders will be working on greatest common factors and least common multiples and the order of operations. Eighth graders will continue to work on scientific notation and exponents with one student working on slope and rates.

In social studies, we will finish our *Jr Scholastic* tomorrow as well as a poster for jobs/chores. In science we will talk more about the phases of matter and start to talk about the gas laws.

In a combination of social studies and ELA, the students have started the books for their book groups. We will discuss what was assigned on Friday and add more assignments this week. Vocabulary words only number 15 this week since it is a short week, but some of them are a bit challenging. We will be writing and reading a lot this week as usual.

Students will also start working on their contribution to the CNS winter program that is scheduled for December 13. Much brainstorming will ensue this week to come up with some good options.

We have the math magic field trip scheduled on October 17 at the Carson Center in Paducah. We will be leaving the school between 9:30 and 10:00 that morning. Please bring a sack lunch and beverages as we will be eating at Bob Noble Park and the students will have some play time there after we eat. We will leave there between 1:30 and 2:00 to head back to

Carbondale to be back in time for our regular dismissal time. One of our drivers had to pull out of this trip so I am looking for another driver if at all possible. If not, we will still be able to go, but as you all know anyone sitting in the back seat of my car may be a little cramped, but we can manage. I am only thinking of the comfort of the kids. It a short trip though so they will be fine either way.

We have planned an additional field trip this month on October 31 to the Carbondale Community High School for a music concert. We will need to leave the school at 8:30 to get there, get parked, and get seated. We plan on leaving there at about 10:00 and returning to the school. Please let me know if you can help with transportation on this trip. In November we are going to look at structures at Castle Park in anticipation of building a castle at CNS. That trip is scheduled for November 14 from 11:45 until 2:45. Again, we will need drivers. This trip is a Wednesday, so we are having Primos deliver pizza to the park for the students' lunches.

The final field trip to mark on your 2018 calendars is in December. The entire school is going to a presentation about simple machines at Cedarhurst. For this we are leaving at 8:30 and returning sometime later that afternoon (depends on weather and drivers). We need drivers for this also.

Our muffin cooking class has been rescheduled for Monday 15. We will not need any materials for this unless someone wishes to loan us muffin pans to use for the day. We will be working not only on learning the muffin method for baked goods, but also converting measures and fractions.

Here is a brief list of upcoming events and at the end of this I have attached the students' writing.

Best wishes,

Carla

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, October 17: Paducah Field Trip (Departure: 0940)

Thursday, October 25: School Board Meeting (6:00 p.m.)

Friday, October 26: Trivia Night (Sign up for team)

Wednesday, October 31: Field Trip to CCHS (Departure 0840)

Thursday, November 1: Dia de los Muertes (Noon Dismissal)

Friday, November 2: No School or Childcare for Institute Day

Spanish by Clare

Spanish class is a lot different from everything else at CNS. I've never gone to a Spanish class before this year, but to my surprise, I've caught on fairly quickly.

Mrs. Liz is a very helpful teacher. So far, I've learned how to start a conversation, how to say the Spanish alphabet, and how to say sorry. I'm glad Ms. Liz is my teacher. If it were anyone else, I'm not sure I would be doing so good. Thankfully, she has divided the class into three different groups: the first one, my group, is for beginners. The second group is for the intermediate students; they are better than group one, but a bit worse than group three, who are the people who are great at Spanish.

Through the year, so far, we've learned a lot about Spanish, including a few videos about Spanish. This is pretty much the most I've learned in any class in eighth grade. Adios!

Grayson

10-1-18

Ela

SPANISH

I think Spanish is really fun! Soon we'll be doing a festival for día de las muertos in the foyer! Dia de las muertos is a celebration to bring back the dead; it means day of the dead. We are mostly working on the alphabet and syllables. I think it will be really fun! We might be able to use flowers. I love Spanish!

Recess, Buddies, & Art

Gavyn

10-1-18

Ela

Recess

Recess is awesome because it is a break from school work. You can swing or build a fort from wood or you can just run around and have fun. We have two recesses: one is 15 minutes long and then we all come in and do more work at 10:20. The lunch recess is thirty minutes long and when the recess is over we all come inside to eat lunch. After lunch on Monday day we have IWT. IWT stands for independent work time. On Tuesday through Thursday we have Spanish. And on Friday we have art.

Recess is the best time of the day. You can do anything that does not cause a problem, but you can't jump over the fence. Recess is my favorite of time of the day.

Jasper Meadows

Ela

10/1/18

Last week in recess, the older kids made a fort out of logs and branches, but this week some of the older kids were doing something else so the younger kids were around the fort more often than the bigger kids. Another thing that happened during recess last week was that Billy was born (Billy was made out of sticks and logs). They say Billy was remodeled twelve times, but I only remember five times. In my opinion, four times the culprit was Jasper, but they might say that Jasper messed Billy up eight times. This week, the swings were not used as much as last week. Billy was destroyed, a fort was taken over, and well, that's pretty much all that happened that I can think of.

Ellie Roberts

10-1-18

E.L.A

Recess is one of the best parts of the day! It gives you time to get all of your energy out and to just have time to yourself or to hang out with your friends. Or you can go and swing which I do every recess and I just think. It gives kids a break from their work which is really nice and I wish that all grades would have recess every day. Some people say that recess is for little kids but it's really not, in my opinion anyway. That's why I think recess is the best part of the day.

Keira

Ela

10-1-18

Buddies

In Ms. Carla's class we will do a project called secret buddies. In this we will pick a kid in pre-k or kindergarten. Then we will write them a letter which we will sign with "your secret buddy". But some students will sign with names they make up, but we can't sign with our real name. We will sometimes send them gifts. At the end of the year we will reveal who their secret buddy was. This is a good way to get to know the pre-k and kindergarten. And they get to know us!

Gabriella

10-1-18

E.L.A

Each person in the class has a buddy from the pre-k /K. We can play with them at recess. We can write letters to our buddies also. Sometimes we do different themes. Once we did leaves. We found leaves outside then put paint on them. We put the leafs on the paper then peeled them off. The paint stuck and left pretty leaf prints. We also made envelopes, and wrote letters in them.

Anna

10/1/18

Writing

Art

Art is my favorite thing to do. I love art, it is my favorite subject in school. You can make clay figures, you can draw people, you can make people or buildings with clay, plaster, or paper. Art can describe you in many ways, it can sculpt your personality. It can tell you about someone and write a story about someone. When I'm bored I just draw and color. Art is the best thing ever. We draw faces, we shave crayons, and we melt crayons to make windows because we are making a castle like in castle park. Art is historically fun.

PE

PE is a class that stands for physical education and it is where you do activities to help keep your health in balance. Here at CNS the PE is good (except the yoga isn't that good)

But we also do play games like rabbits and coyotes where it's a hide and seek infection type game. We also play lacrosse and hacky sacks and scoops. We also do meditation For five or three minutes. We also will go into the arboretum which is a public woods behind CNS (I have not been in it so I'm going to stop there). We also might play capture the flag which if you don't know what that is, it is where you go to the enemy's side and find the hidden flag and try to avoid the other team's players and make it back to you team's side and then you would win. That's mainly what we have been doing in PE so far and I am excited to see what else we will do later on in the year.

P.E

One of my favorite subjects is P.E because we go to the arboretum and exercise by running around getting impaled by bamboo tree stumps.

The bamboo forest

In the bamboo forest we can play bloody murder and scare onlookers by running around screaming “BLOODY MURDER” and watch in surprise when they run off.

One time there was a man in a hammock and we said. “Hi” and he said. we can play his guitar but that was before I knew how to play guitar, but the thing was we were playing bloody murder so we were running all around yelling and I ran by and tripped on the stake that held the hammock and I almost fell into the picnic bench, But I was ok.

The Field

The field was a fun place we would run and play coyotes and rabbits and hide and seek. There would be people walking past and looking up to see children yelling at them in trees. My favorite place was a giant 15 foot bush that I would hide in and yell at the people walking by. I’m sure they were confused. There was a giant pine tree that was about 30 feet tall, but I would climb up it and yell at more people and my friends.

Exploring

We would walk around the back parts of the forest and explore.

Lani, Kloey, Ellie, and me had a hidden hiding spot where we would go and hide, We would climb trees by the bamboo forest and slackline and play games. We came across a large ditch with a tree going across it we climbed it and I think I fell. We also

found a picnic bench upside down on a steep hill, so all ten people rode down on it. We did it several times.

That was a lot of fun thanks to Annie.

By: Bo Phillips

VOCABULARY FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 9-12 2018

1. **aa:** a type of lava that forms very rough rugged masses with a light frothy texture
(noun) (Bo)
2. **acousticophobia:** fear of noise; this can be fear of any noise or a specific noise
(noun) (Jasper)
3. **animancy:** The control of living things; the opposite of necromancy (noun) (Clare)
4. **apocalypse:** a prophetic revelation, especially concerning a cataclysm in which the forces of good permanently triumph over the forces of evil; the complete and final destruction of the world as described in the biblical book of revelation. (noun) (Anna)
5. **aquamancy:** divination through or manipulation of water (noun) (Clare)
6. **dent:** a slight hollow in a hard even surface made by a blow or by the exertion of pressure (noun) (Grayson)
7. **drought:** a prolonged period of abnormally low rainfall; a shortage of water resulting from this (noun) (Avree)
8. **espresso:** strong black coffee made by forcing steam through ground coffee beans (noun) (Ellie)
9. **Halloween:** the night of October 31, the eve of All Saints Day. This night is commonly celebrated by children who dress in costume and solicit candy or other treats door-to-door (noun) (Kloey)
10. **jack-o-lantern:** a hollowed out fruit or vegetable with a scary face or scenes usually lit from within; pumpkins are commonly used in the U.S. at present (noun) (Gabrielle)

11. **literally**: actually; without exaggeration or inaccuracy; exactly; in a literal manner or sense (adverb) (Max)

12. **malarkey**: meaningless talk; nonsense (noun) (Jasper)

13. **meif'wa**: a fictional creature that is part feline and part human; a cat creature or neko. This is a reference from Aphmau's "Minecraft Diaries" series (noun) (Keira)

14. **monarchy**: a form of government in which sovereignty is embodied within a single usually hereditary head of state (noun) (Wiley)

15. **sorcery**: the use of magic of any type (noun) (Gabriella)

plague: a serious bacterial infection that's transmitted by fleas. Known as the Black Death in medieval times; it can be deadly if not treated promptly with antibiotics (noun) (social studies)

16. **vassal:** a knight who promised to support a lord in exchange for land in medieval Europe (noun)

17. **serf:** a worker in medieval Europe who was tied to the land on which he or she lived (noun)

18. **Middle Ages:** a period that lasted from about 500 to 1500 in Europe (noun)

19. **feudalism:** the system of obligations that governed the relationship between lords and vassals in medieval Europe (noun)

20. **Crusades:** a long series of wars between Christians and Muslims in Southwest Asia fought for control of the Holy Land from 1096 to 1291 (noun)