

Good Evening

Tomorrow we have a short field trip planned to Mulberry Farm, which is located next to the Arboretum off of Springer Ridge Road. We'll walk over through the Arboretum and across the field to the Farm. We are going to talk to Tom and Kelly Grant about the Farm and we will pick watermelons and corn. We'll leave school after lunch, at about 1:05. I expect to be back before 2:30. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I am also working on our next field trip. I have been in contact with the 3D printing department at SIU about going to Morris Library to see the printer and how it works. Hopefully, we can arrange that in the next few weeks.

Our special guest on Friday was Miss Annie. We had a fantastic time playing with the instruments she brought, as well as sampling her tomatoes and peppers. I think everyone enjoyed spending time with Annie and she would like to come back to visit again to talk more about what she has been growing at her farm. Later on Friday, we did an online tutorial on multiplication skills. I think everyone had fun with it and there were quite a few helpful tips. The online teacher suggested some ideas for ways to help students improve their multiplication skills, so I will be incorporating them into our day.

Later this week, we will have our test over the central states: Illinois, Missouri, Michigan, Nebraska, Ohio, Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, North Dakota, and Indiana. The format will be the same- students will need to know the location of the state, the capital, and the abbreviation for the state's name. In science, we are studying cellular respiration as well as photosynthesis. We did an experiment to illustrate how the size of molecules affects their ability to move through a semipermeable membrane. The life science book has quite a few experiments in each section, so I look forward to more demonstrations throughout the year.

We are still reading Holes in language arts and moving ahead in our Go Math books. I have been encouraging students to use their time wisely and to keep an eye on deadlines for turning in work. I will also help students work on their organization skills because all of these skills work together to help students succeed.

The bake sale is Thursday from 3-4 pm. Friday is an early dismissal day. Students are finished at noon, and child care will be available.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me-

Heather