

Good afternoon!

This week in science, we continued chapter 11, studying about vertebrates. We have covered fish, amphibians, and reptiles. We will begin reviewing for our test on Tuesday and will be having our test on Thursday. Chapter 12 discusses birds and mammals. There is a section on owls, so I think I may order owl pellets for the class to dissect.

In social studies, we are nearing the end of Chapter 13, Birth of a New Nation. Along with the text, we have been studying documents and governmental structure in both social studies and our government class. This week, we discussed the judicial system in Illinois. Next week in government, we will look at the legislative branch of Illinois government.

I am going to work a little more on diagramming, aside from what is in our grammar book. I am not going to be too concerned with incredibly detailed diagramming; I just want students to be able to recognize and diagram the main parts of a sentence. I have some materials outside of the grammar book that will help clarify diagramming.

In language arts, we will be starting Fahrenheit 451. Our pace will depend upon how students interpret the material. Once we begin, it will be much easier to get a timeline together.

Take Home folders are coming home this week. Be prepared for a lot of paperwork! Please review and return papers. The end of our grading period is February 21, and we will need completed work for portfolios.

Just as a reminder, we are off on Monday, February 17, as well as Friday, February 28. Spirit Week starts March 2, with the talent show on March 6.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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