

Reading Newsletter
Ms.McMath 4th Grade
October 8th - October 12th

This week in class...

On Thursday, we will be taking a test focusing on the following skills we have been working on related to fiction stories:

- Identifying the problem and solution in a story.
- Characterization (understanding characters)
- Identifying the main idea and supporting details
- Summarizing the story

We will be reviewing this skills throughout the week in class. In addition, we will continue working with the homophones and vocabulary from last week.

In writing, we will continue to work on writing good solid paragraphs and writing good sentences. This week, we will be working on reviewing capitalization since this seems to be an area where students seem to be struggling.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

This week's announcements...

- Old newsletters and notes for class can be found on my website.

When reading with your child to help them prepare for this week's test, ask them the following types of questions:

- How would you describe the character? How is the character feeling? Give evidence from the story.
- What is the main character's problem in the story? How did they resolve their problem?
- What is the main idea of the story? What is the main idea of a certain paragraph? What is the main idea of this chapter? Have your child give you supporting details to support the main idea.

Vocab Words - Character Traits		Synonyms	Antonyms
active	very involved in activity	lively, energetic, diligent	calm, lazy, sluggish
lazy	doesn't like to be active	inactive, sluggish, sleepy	energetic, active
hard-working	tending to work with energy and commitment	diligent, busy,	lazy
ambitious	having or showing a strong desire and determination to succeed	determined, motivated, committed	lazy, laid back
determined	driven, persistent	driven, ambitious,	undetermined
lively	energetic, lively, busy, entertaining,	energetic, lively, busy, entertaining,	inactive, sleepy, dull

Homophones	
to	preposition
too	also; too much of something
two	number
their	possessive form for a group of people
there	used to indicate the fact or existence of something.: "there's a restaurant around the corner"
they're	contraction - they are
your	possessive form of you
you're	contraction - you are