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YOUNG AUTHOR’S PROJECT:

Students’ homework over spring break will be the Young Author’s project. Students can submit any kind of writing: fiction, nonfiction, poetry, biography, autobiography, collection of short stories, etc. for Young Authors. A finished book (written, edited, bound, and illustrated) is due on Friday April 22. This project should be your student’s homework focus until that time, in addition to reading and work on math facts.

What we are learning:

Math: We are working on fractions and word problems involving fractions. I am impressed with the class’s increased attentiveness and participation in math, especially asking specific questions that help others.

Reading: We have been working on interpreting poetry and figurative language. Students have been very excited about trying out poetic techniques. We will begin a grade-level novel study after spring break. We will read, discuss, and write about Katherine Applegate’s novel, Crenshaw.

Writing: We have been working on personal narratives in addition to poetry, and we will begin working on expository (informational) paragraphs the week after spring break.

Social Studies: We have been studying the western United States, our final region of the United States to study. We will also be learning about personal financial literacy…or how to be smart about money!

Science: Our next science unit, this spring, will be on life cycles. We will focus on insects, especially butterflies.

BIRTHDAYS:

Please remember that birthdays will be acknowledged in class with a pencil, sticker, and card. Summer birthdays will be acknowledged in June. Please do not forget about these alternatives to sending sugary birthday snacks at lunchtime:

* donating a copy of your child’s favorite book, inscribed with his or her name and birthdate: for the school library or classroom
* juice boxes for lunchtime
* bagged snacks such as Pirate’s Booty

Birthday snacks are absolutely NOT required. If you are sending them, please understand they will only be distributed at lunchtime, in the lunchroom.

These websites may be helpful for parents looking for math vocabulary:

engageny.org parent section

<https://learnzillion.com/> create an account

Math Websites:

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Upcoming field trips for third grade:

Two more exciting field trips have been scheduled for this spring.

Friday, May 6: All third graders to Majestic View Nature Center to study life cycles and ecosystems. We could use ONE more chaperone—e-mail Ms. Mathews if you are interested.

May 18 Ms. Mathews’s class to Genesee Park: We have all the chaperones we need for this trip, thanks.

(Ms. Hardy and Mr. Baltz on May 25).

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