



Gamper Chronicle

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Math- This week we began our new unit on multiplying fractions and mixed numbers. Our lessons this week included comparing fractions and mixed numbers, multiplying whole numbers by fractions and vice versa, and multiplying two fractions. I taught students how to cross reduce (cross simplify...cross cancel) to help them more easily multiply fractions. Most students who are good with their facts picked this up quickly! Those that still don't know their facts are still struggling.

Reading- Next week we will begin a two week unit (out of the book) on a novel entitled *The Last Holiday Concert* by Andrew Clements. Students will be responsible for a novel packet throughout that includes vocabulary and comprehension. There will be a test over the novel at the end of the unit.

Grammar- For the next two weeks we will work on identifying and correctly using adverbs.

Writing- This week I pulled off of the Indiana DOE's website last year's 4th grade writing prompt and exemplar essays. We talked about the prompt, which many remembered, and I showed them the rubric for how writing gets graded. We looked at the exemplar papers (with scores missing) and tried to determine what scores they received. This was a great activity for students to see what quality writing looks like and what it takes to get a good score on this portion of the ISTEP applied skills test.

Spelling- Next week's words all contain at least one set of double consonants. It's going to take practice and memorization for this list!
www.spellingcity.com/triton5

Social Studies- We have already finished our new chapter on New England colonies. It was a short one. We began reviewing for the test which will be next Tuesday! Students have study guides to help them prepare for the test.

Science- We started fresh this week in Science. Our new unit is on matter. This week students learned about the three forms of matter and their properties. Yesterday, students used cheerios to create a diagram of the molecules in each of the three types of matter. Next week we will learn about and investigate how matter changes.

Unit 3.4 Mahalia Jackson One Consonant or Two?

1. address
2. college
3. mirror
4. recess
5. committee
6. collect
7. Mississippi
8. immediate
9. command
10. appreciate
11. announce
12. possess
13. Tennessee
14. gallop
15. opponent
16. barricade
17. broccoli
18. accomplish
19. allowance
20. zucchini

Challenge Words

21. silhouette
22. millionaire
23. dilemma
24. embarrassment
25. compassionate

Nightly Homework Alerts

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Note From the Teacher:

I will be sending home a reminder next week to those parents that signed up at the beginning of the year to provide a snack for our winter party. We will make our party a "breakfast" themed party due to all of the activities in the afternoon on that final day before break. For this reason, I might ask you to bring in something different than what you originally signed up for. Although students may enjoy a cupcake for breakfast, Mrs. Brosman's tolerance for overly hyper students on the last day before break will be slightly lower than normal. :)

Also, I will be sending home a paper next week explaining our "gift exchange" that we will be doing this year. I'm trying out something new. We will be doing Secret Santa in our room. More info to come next week. Have a great weekend!

~Mrs. Brosman

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Upcoming Dates:

December 5-8: AGUITY testing

December 21: Class Winter Party

December 22-January 4: Winter Break!

Star Camper of the Week

