

making the GRADE

SPELLING

On the first day of the school week your child will take a spelling pre-test. On the last day of the school week students will take a spelling test over the 30 words they have been studying for the week.

BASIC

1. cabin
2. robin
3. cover
4. planet
5. visit
6. finish
7. salad
8. seven
9. magic
10. exact
11. talent
12. modern
13. limit
14. cousin
15. oven
16. prison
17. punish
18. habit
19. never
20. busy

REVIEW

21. travel
22. would
23. orange
24. ever
25. second

CHALLENGE

26. pheasant
27. quiver
28. hazard
29. vivid
30. jealous

TWO BONUS WORDS
WILL BE GIVEN
FOR THE WEEK.



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Students will take their weekly spelling test on Thursday morning, before leaving for the Oregon Trail Overnight trip.

MATH

We are moving right along in math to chapter 19, which is more about long division. Students did a great job last chapter! It can be a difficult concept to get the hang of at first, but they're doing well with it.

READING

This week we are starting something new. Your child will be reading one of four novels: *Bud, Not Buddy*, *Pictures of Hollis Woods*, *The Westing Game*, or *The View from Saturday*. All four books are either Newbery winners or honor books. Each student was given their first or second choice on which book they wanted to read.

We will be using a literature circle format, in which students will read chapters independently (which are scheduled for them on a calendar) and meet with the other six students, who are also reading the book, once a week to discuss things that are happening in the story.

Students will respond to their book in a similar manner to how we did *Island of the Blue Dolphins*, using folders with specific activities. Several new response activities will be introduced to them over the next few weeks. Students will be bringing home their folders for you to take a look at and sign the back of.

OREGON TRAIL OVERNIGHT

A letter will be coming home this week that includes what your child should plan to pack for the overnight. Also, your child must bring a sack lunch to school on Thursday morning. We will be eating lunch shortly after arriving up at Kiwanis. All other meals are provided up there, but lunch on the first day is up to us. Please don't forget!

Our hobo stoves and burners are made. A special thank you to those parents (and kids) who helped out with making them! Thank you very much to those of you who donated materials. I greatly appreciate it!

Just a reminder that we are going to Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp. The camp is located on Forest Service Road #39, four miles east of Rhododendron on State Highway #26. We should return to St. Clare on Friday afternoon at about 1:30 PM. If you have any other questions or concerns about the trip, please email me. And don't forget to pray for decent weather!

CLEAN WATER FESTIVAL

The fourth grade will be going to the Children's Clean Water Festival on April 13 at PCC Sylvania. I still need parent drivers for this event. The festival is from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Please email me if you're interested in being a chaperone.

A permission slip is being sent home for this field trip. There is no cost. Please sign and return the slip as soon as possible. Thanks!

WEEKLY TEST DATES

Thursday, April 6 - Spelling test