

5th & 6th Grade Language Arts

End of the 3rd Quarter

Our Olympic projects are completed, and we not only learned a lot about the Olympic Games, but we also learned some new skills. In spite of some technical difficulties, the sixth grade class successfully completed their Movie Maker presentations. Students not only included pictures, but also included audio and video files. The fifth grade class did wonderful PowerPoint presentations. They have become experts in using transitions within the slides and between slides.

Both the 5th & 6th grade classes completed 5 paragraph essays on the Olympics. I was very impressed with their knowledge about the Olympics. Organization in writing is a real challenge for students. We will continue writing 5 paragraph essays in the 4th quarter.

We are celebrating poetry month in the junior high by completing posters on famous poets. Students will be working in small groups. The posters will include a biography, awards, sample poems, and poetry elements used by the poet. I know the students will enjoy using their creativity.

The 4th Quarter

After returning from Easter break, the 5th grade students will begin reading the novel, When Zachary Beaver Comes To Town. We also will begin learning diagramming. Since we have completed our study of the parts of speech, learning diagramming will help the students better understand the structure of sentences.

The 6th grade students will be reading the novel, A View From Saturday. We will also be completing our English workbook by tackling the unit on vocabulary and spelling.

Both classes will be using the website www.spellingcity.com to review their vocabulary words. I will prepare the lists. Then, students will review the words and have an opportunity to play games using the words. Finally, they can test themselves on the words.



Have a joyful Easter. Rejoice and be glad. I hope the Easter break will be restful for the entire family.

