



MRS. WAYNE'S CLASS NEWS



Sage Canyon
Elementary

September 1, 2011

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Important Dates

Monday, September 5 - Labor Day, No School
 Thursday, September 8 - Globeology
 Friday, September 9 - Adaptation Projects Due
 Friday, September 9 - SGCE Family Movie Night
 September 15 - PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM
 September 23 - Teacher Prof. Development -
 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
 September 27/29 - Conferences 4:15 - 8:00 PM
 September 28 - Chik-Fil-A Day
 September 29 - Picture Re-Take Day

Math

In math we have been learning about place value, estimating and number theory. We have focused on determining the value of digits in 4 and 5 digit numbers. Student have practiced rounding to the nearest hundred and using front-end estimation to determine the "reasonableness" of an answer to a computation problem. We have also learned to find factors and multiples.

Please make sure that your child is practicing multiplication math facts. Having these down solid will ease the learning of new material as we move forward. Thank you.

Keeping in Touch

Please don't forget to check my website weekly for updates and homework information:

www.waynesclass.org.

And please, let me know if you ever have any questions or concerns :)

Literacy

Non-Fiction: In reading and writing, we are learning about non-fiction and its structure and text features. Students are learning techniques to find key ideas and summarize texts. The writing focus has been on planning strategies and writing topic sentences.

Fiction: Complementing our science unit on ecosystems and animal adaptation, The students are participating in book clubs of the animal fiction genre. The focus has been on character analyses, inferencing, and questioning.

Science

Ecosystems and their components are the focus of our science learning. Students have explored ecosystems, biomes, adaptation, and food chains. They are immersed in an exciting project that has them inventing animals with adaptations that enable survival in biomes created in class. All the research and writing is being done in class, but the students will need to create a model of their animal at home. **DUE DATE: Friday September 9.** Further information is on my website.

The New Wrangler Code

Wranglers...

- **model positive character
- **collaborate respectfully with others
- **are critical thinkers
- **communicate using a variety of methods
- **are caring toward ourselves, our school and our community
- **are creative

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