



The Crocodile Times

All the news from Mrs. E's Smarties

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Curriculum Update

Math – In math this week, we reviewed fractions and decimals as they relate to all operations. Students have taken notes to help keep it all straight. I encourage you to ask them about them. Several students have mentioned using them at home to study in order to prepare for next Wednesday's math EOG. In addition to our notes, we have played several Kahoot games which the kids love. Be sure to ask them all about this. A Jeopardy game was utilized to help students recall their fraction understanding and several Mastery Connect quizzes were created for students to demonstrate their knowledge using EOG like questions. On Thursday, we reviewed volume and geometry with several centers. Students are coming home with quadrilateral vocabulary words they should review for the test. I feel very confident in each student's understanding. It is vital that they stay calm, utilize their strategies and believe in themselves on the day of the test.

Reading & Writing: In reading this week, we've spent our mini lesson time utilizing the EOG strategies we've been taught on practice passages. Several students use their strategies consistently while others are more resistant. It is highly recommended that all students are using some type of strategy when they are reading whether it is RUNNERS, annotations, W/D or cover-up. I firmly believe that by using one or more of them, students will pay closer attention to the text and stay more actively engaged with their reading. During Daily 5 students have been using Study Island to prepare for the EOG. . If your child hasn't completed this past week's lesson/activity, it is recommended they do that this weekend. In strategy groups this week, we reviewed figurative language and played a Kahoot game to test our understanding. All of the Civil War research papers were due on Thursday. These will be graded and sent off with your child to middle school. I'm looking forward to reading these as the students have been working hard on them.

Science: The EOG prep trend continued in science this week. We wrapped up our Weather and Human Body review with several Kahoot games, dice games and Study Island practices. As a class, we created a reference page of the important topics from each of these units. Again, this is something I encourage you to ask your child to show you. On Wednesday and Thursday, Mr. T reviewed the Motion and Design unit with them and by Friday everyone was ready with their game face on! Please understand that it is prohibited for students to be discussing the EOG with friends and on social media. If you can help reinforce this, I'd greatly appreciate it.



Don't Forget...



6/21: Reading EOG

6/22: Math EOG

6/23 and 6/24: EOG Makeup dates

6/29: 5th Grade Fun Day

6/30: Last Day of School, Report Cards
and Moving Up Ceremony



CHOMP update!



I'm pleased with the overall academic performance and behavior the students displayed this week. They have really worked hard to prepare for the EOGs. Today was their first experience with the Science EOG and I feel like they all were well prepared and ready to perform their best. As we wrap up the EOGs next week, I have had a lot of questions about what our days will look like for the remainder of the school year. We will follow our normal schedule and honor the remaining academic time we have left. That's why it is important to continue working hard through our last day together. Please help me by reiterating this with your child.

Dress Code

As summer approaches and temperatures rise, it is important we are being mindful of our dress code. If your child chooses to wear a tank top to school, the straps must adhere to the 3-finger rule. This means the straps should be width of three fingers. Also, shorts need to reach the longest fingertip when your child's arms are relaxed by their side. Thank you so much for helping to ensure that our school dress code is being followed.