

January 4, 2018

Room 204 News

Dear Room 204 families:

Eureka Ferry Boat Overnight Field Trip

Attached, please find a permission slip and letter about our overnight field trip on the ferry boat, Eureka, coming up on 3/27-3/28/18. Funds and permission slips are due 1/31/18.

Spelling Bee

The school Spelling Bee is coming up on Monday, 1/22/18. Kids received a blue practice booklet before break. Please let me know if you need a booklet! The Spelling Bee is optional, but I am encouraging all students to try their best to learn the words and compete in the Spelling Bee.

On Wednesday, 1/17/18, we will have a pre-test that will determine which five kids from our class will participate in the school-wide Bee on 1/22. For the pre-test, please study words from page 4 of the booklet (it says "Fifth Grade Word List"). For the official Spelling Bee on 1/22, study the first four pages, and then work on the rest of the booklet. Any word from anywhere in the booklet can be used in the Bee, but the ones nearer to the front are most likely to be used.

Homework

Spelling

For the next two weeks, spelling homework is to study for the Spelling Bee. After that, kids will resume regular weekly spelling homework.

Reading

Kids should now read at least 45 minutes daily and complete reading logs. I check those daily and give incentives (like free recess time) for completing them.

Math

We are beginning a brief study of Module 6, all about coordinate graphing. I will post and share a playlist of videos to help with homework, and you can expect to see 1-2 homework pages coming home 2-3 days a week.

Multiplication Facts

We will continue to have weekly quizzes on multiplication facts and I will send practice homework for kids who are still working on learning their facts. Kids who already know their facts will not receive facts homework.

Upcoming:

Thursday, 1/11/18 Berkeley High Dance Show field trip, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Monday, 1/15/18 No School-Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

Wednesday, 1/17/18 Spelling Bee qualifying pre-test

Monday, 1/22/18 Spelling Bee

Monday, 1/29/18 No School-Staff Development

