

2nd Quarter News

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that the first quarter of the school year is over and we are on to the second! The 2nd quarter is shorter and will end on December 21st. 1st quarter report cards will go home on Wednesday, October 25th.

Here is what you can expect for the next 8 weeks:

Curriculum Expectations:

In Reading, we are beginning the novel *Tales of a Fourth-Grade Nothing*, by Judy Blume. We will continue to use more advanced reading comprehension strategies to understand text, including making inferences, determining the main idea and identifying key details.

In Math, we will focus on multiplying by 2-digit numbers, dividing by 1-digit numbers, using operations with whole numbers to solve problems, and factors and multiples. Please continue to encourage your child to practice basic multiplication facts at home.

In Science, the focus this quarter will be animal classification, life cycles, ecosystems and food webs.

In Social Studies, we will focus on the regions in the United States and your child will be given a state in which to do a report on (more details to follow).

We have already begun using IXL(Reading) and Freckle(Math) to support our curriculum this year. The students are able to access this online program from home for extra practice of skills taught in the classroom. It is a great resource to help advance their skills in both reading and math and they seem to really enjoy it!! Student logins were sent home and are written in their planners.

Homework:

-Math will still be given each night.

-In Reading, your child will be receiving a Weekly Reading Log every Monday. They will be expected to read 20 each night and complete an entree on the reading log. The log should be brought back to school every Friday. Your child will receive a weekly grade for completing each entree.

Attendance: Please continue to make sure your child is on time for school. The school day begins at 8am. As a reminder, if a student is absent, they have a day to make up their missed work for each day they're absent. For example, if they are out two days, they have two days to hand in the work after they return to Cassell. Other non absent missing assignments are graded as 0% (missing).

Emails:

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. You can email at kjdandrea@cps.edu. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tina Killeen

