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THE WEEKLY LAB

**December 5, 2011**

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***“SNIFFING” THROUGH THE CURRICULUM!***

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* **Reading-** The students are well into their study of nonfiction texts. Last week we wrote summaries combining similar information from multiple sources. This week we will analyze texts to determine main idea and supporting details. In addition, students will use CROPQV and other strategies in their reading groups.
* **Math-** We learned and practiced long division last week! This is a developing skill that we will continue to practice. To make learning this skill easier for your child, please make sure he/she knows the basic multiplication facts with fluency and accuracy, as we are working toward more complex math concepts. This week, we will do some review work on area and perimeter.
* **Writing-** Students have worked on improving their writing style by including figurative language, such as similes and metaphors, into their stories. We will continue writing personal narratives, focusing on how to angle our stories in such a way that answers “What am I really trying to say in this story?”
* **Social Studies/Science-** Last week the students read about the early natives of the coastal plain, piedmont, and mountain region of our state. They wrote summaries and made illustrations for one particular group. This week, fourth grade will transition back into Science. Our class will go to Mrs. Boecke’s room to learn about food chemistry and nutrition.

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**“PAWS” FOR THESE DATES:**

**12/6 Cultural Arts Night**

**12/7 In-house science field**

**trip**

**12/12-12/16 Unassisted**

**writing assessment**

**12/13 Spelling Bee**

**12/22-1/2 Holiday break**

**P.B.S.**

**Positive Behavior Support**

**NEWS TO “BARK” ABOUT!**

LABS

**Listen & follow directions**

**Act respectfully**

**Behave responsibly**

**Succeed!!**

We are almost at 75 bones. Let’s keep it up!!

**I am so glad that some of you were able to join us for our writing celebration last Friday. We loved sharing our stories with you!**

**Website- Please continue to use our class website. Stay informed by checking out the latest updates. Make sure your child takes the survey before the end of the week. Thanks!**

[**http://richardsonhre.weebly.com**](http://richardsonhre.weebly.com)

**If your child purchased a yearbook, receipts were sent home.**

**We are in need of antibacterial wipes and tissues. If you can help out, that would be great!**

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