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PHONICS/READING

In phonics we are reviewing vowel sounds. In reading we will be working on Theme 5 Skills Tests. Please have your child read at least a total of 75 minutes a week. Children are to return their reading logs and folders for checking the first day of each week.

Please continue to work on the Dolch words. The Dolch words are high frequency words that children need to learn to help them read fluently.

SPELLING

Wednesday's Test

baby better brother clapped
getting happy hugging I'll I'm
I've isn't it's lady mother
puppy silly sister sitting stopped
you're *angry *couldn't *jogging
*parents *wouldn't

Friday's test

1. My happy baby brother stopped and clapped for my mother.
2. I'm getting my parents to buy me a better puppy.
3. My silly sister isn't angry about sitting next to that lady hugging her puppy.
4. I'll go jogging if it's the same time you're running.
5. She couldn't or wouldn't do it.

Please practice for these tests. You may visit this website and practice this week's spelling words,

<http://www.spellingcity.com/view-spelling-list.html?listId=36118>

MATH

We will be comparing prices and solving problems about price differences, estimating costs and then calculating exact costs, making change by counting up and estimating totals by rounding to the nearest 10 cents, finding areas of irregular shapes, connecting place value in money with place value base-10 blocks; and counting by 1s, 10s, and 100s.

We will have a money test on Monday, a renaming test in addition and a facts test in addition/subtraction on Tuesday, a clock test on Wednesday, a renaming test in subtraction and a facts test in addition/subtraction on Thursday, and a weekly math skills quiz on Friday.

PRINTING/ENGLISH

In printing we are working on proper formation, spacing, and neatness. In English we are reviewing parts of a book, combining sentences, dictionary entries, and verbs. Children are required to use proper punctuation in all of their work.

SOCIAL STUDIES/SCIENCE

In social studies we are discussing working together to solve problems and the role of goods and services in our community.

In science we will be discussing plants and animals for the rest of the school year. We will also do a special unit on insects. In this unit we will observe several live insects. We will observe Cecropia, Luna, and Polyphemus moths emerging from their cocoons; the development of Painted Lady Butterflies



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from caterpillar to adults; ant behavior in a gel ant farm; praying mantises emerging from their egg cases; and the development of ladybugs from larva to adult.

CLASSROOM PROJECTS

This week we will be discussing Earth Day and how to protect our environment. We will also discuss and share our recycled creatures.

We are working on the Captains Reading Program. To reach "home plate" the children need to have read 200 minutes this month in their Reading Logs in their RED (Ready Every Day) folders. Children who have read at least 200 minutes will receive ticket forms that need to be completed and mailed to the Captains ticket office.

Your child may wish to visit our collection of numerous kid-friendly educational web sites that we use during computer time on Thursdays and Fridays. The url is <http://www.portaportal.com> You may login under guest as class7 to view the various websites.

SPECIAL DATES AND EVENTS

Monday - Gym
Tuesday - Music
Wednesday- Intervention Gym
Thursday - Library
Friday - Art

FROM THE TEACHER'S DESK

Please remember to send your child's lunch money in an envelope with his/her name on it and Mrs. Gray. If you have any ideas, concerns, questions, etc. please write me a note, call (school

- 466-4831, ext. 6001), or e-mail (school - roberta.gray@neomin.org).
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