



## CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

April 25, 2016



### PHONICS/READING

In phonics we are reviewing consonant blends. We will be working on an "Instructions" Writing Workshop and reading non-fiction text.

Please have your child read at least 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

Lesson 31 "Reading-Writing Workshop"

Wednesday's Test

coming      cook      going      moth  
never      new      other      outside  
people      school      something  
started      tried      try      very      \*enough  
\*through

Thursday's test

1. Did enough people go through the new door?

2. I never started to cook something.

3. Did that very green moth try going outside?

4. The other boy tried coming to our school.

You may visit this website and practice this

week's spelling words,

<http://www.spellingcity.com/view-spelling-list.html?listId=36166>

### MATH

In math we are working on finding the total items in several equal groups

by multiplying, solving division number stories, and introducing multiplication facts. We will have a money test and a common core math concepts test on Monday, a renaming test in addition and an addition and subtraction facts test on Tuesday, a clock test on Wednesday, and a renaming test in subtraction and an addition and subtraction facts test on Thursday. Please practice for these tests.

### PRINTING/ENGLISH

In printing we are working on proper formation, spacing, and neatness. In English we are working on nouns, verbs, and adjectives. Children are required to use proper punctuation in all of their work.

### SCIENCE

In our science books we are discussing simple machines. We will be comparing how surfaces can change the force on an object, understanding friction, and recognizing how a force and the direction of a force can change. Vocabulary words are force, gravity, friction, simple machines, lever, fulcrum, and ramp

### CLASSROOM PROJECTS

This week we will continue to observe our ant farm; our Cecropia, Luna, and Polyphemus moth cocoons; our Painted Lady butterfly caterpillars; and our praying mantis eggs sacs.

### COMPUTER PROJECTS

We continue to work on the Captains Reading Program. To reach "home plate" the children need to have read 200 minutes this month in their



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Reading Logs in their RED (Ready Every Day) folders. Children who have read at least 200 minutes will receive ticket forms that will 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. 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
- Thursday - Progress Reports
- Friday - Art
- May 6 - No School
- May 9-13 - Book Fair – BOGO
- May 27 - Field Trip- "Fossil Find" at Environmental Learning Center, Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park
- May 30 - Memorial Day – No School
- June 2 - Last day for students

### FROM THE TEACHER'S DESK

Please remember to look at the papers your child brings home in his/her task/work-folder. Praise your child for good marks and help him/her improve any weak areas. Please keep the graded papers, sign the weekly report sheet in the clear pocket, and return the folder and sheet in the clear pocket to school as soon as possible. Papers marked with an I or Inc. should be corrected and returned.

Progress Reports for this nine weeks will be sent home Thursday. Please

discuss with your child his/her strengths and weaknesses. Please sign the envelope and have your child return it to school. You may keep the progress report.

Please remember to send your child's lunch money in an envelope with his/her name on it and Mrs. Gray. This helps the children move through the line quicker and gives them a little longer to eat.

Weekly/bi-weekly homework assignments for the rest of the school year are posted on our website at <http://www.genevaschools.org/WeeklyHomework.aspx> Children may complete these early if they wish.

Your child should be reading (orally and/or silently) for at least 75 minutes a week. He/she should be able to answer questions about what he/she has read. Your child should record what he/she reads each day on his/her reading log. This log should be returned the first day of each school week.

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](mailto:roberta.gray@neomin.org)).

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