


Yantacaw School Grade 5 Info...
May/June 2009



SCIENCE

Mrs. Mitchell's and Ms. Freedman's science classes are beginning their units on ecology. Students will be learning about the living and nonliving parts of the world's ecosystems with a focus on the rain forest. As a culminating activity the children will participate in an art project "reusing" bottles and will sell and purchase the projects in an effort to have one hundred trees planted in the Brazilian Atlantic Forest. This money will be donated to the Nature Conservancy. So far Yantacaw School has protected nearly fifteen acres of rain forest around the world over the last seven years.



	Vocabulary	English	Reading	Math	Miscellaneous
5M /5S	<p>A vocabulary list will be given for It's Our World Too and then we will move along in our blue vocabulary workbook.</p> 	<p>An adjective test will be given at the end of Dear Mr. Henshaw.</p> <p>We will move on to the preposition unit. Have your child memorize the list so he/she can be on the Hall of Fame.</p>	<p>We are about to finish our unit on Dear Mr. Henshaw, the novel. An in-class project will be the culminating activity. The students have worked very hard during this unit integrating their comprehension, writing, vocabulary, and artistic skills.</p> <p>Next we will read It's Our World Too by Phillip Hoose.</p>	<p>We are on the Data and Statistics unit and will then move on to fractions.</p> <p>Students also have challenge problems to work out.</p> <p>We have learned how to do Sudoku, Ken Ken, and Hidato puzzles this year.</p>	<p>The students in 5M have done a lot of cooperative poetry this year which has been displayed monthly in the hall. They have composed cinquain, haiku, limericks, parts of speech, alphabet, and quatrain poems.</p> <p>They were poets, They didn't "know it."</p>
5F	<p>We are continuing with vocabulary.</p>	<p>Continuing with grammar.</p>	<p>Reviewing for the ASK. Continuing to read text.</p>	<p>Review for the ASK. Currently on Chapter 3 and moving to the start of fractions.</p>	<p>It has been our pleasure to have Ms. Heckel work with us. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.</p>
5K 5B	<p>Units 9-11.</p>	<p>Pronouns. Adverbs. Preposition. Practice for ASK writing.</p> <p>Adverbs. We are continuing to work on open-ended writing for the ASK.</p>	<p>Unit 3 Test. We will be reading the novel Escaping The Giant Wave.</p> <p>We are continuing in the reader.</p>	<p>Fractions and lots of ASK and final exam review. Thanks to all those good souls who count bread tabs.</p> <p>Continuing with fractions-adding, subtracting, and like and unlike denominators.</p>	<p>It has been our pleasure to have Ms. Stack with us. We wish her luck in her future endeavors.</p>

Social Studies

5K and 5M- Completion of North American exploration. Founding of thirteen colonies.

5B and 5F-Learning more about early settlers to America.



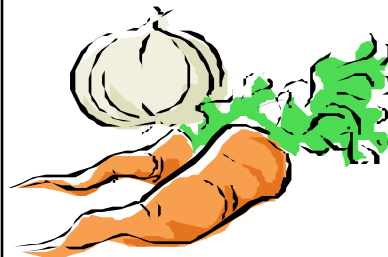
Health & Computers

Miss Stack's Healthy Food Sale is going to be on May 5. Please contribute if you haven't.

Ms. Freedman's class is learning about safety.

Mrs. Mitchell's class enjoyed a well-prepared "health" lesson with a lovely poster by Raquel. She explained about her life with her brother who is autistic. Raquel is a loving caring sister.

Mrs. Balitsos's class is continuing to move along through their health text.



A little birdie told us...

The Battle of the Book tournaments will begin on May 14, 2009. We would like to thank the PTO for the t-shirts which the children will be receiving. Please encourage your child to continue reading so he/she can enjoy the tournaments as an integral part of the team. Our Philadelphia Zoo trip is June 5. We look forward to seeing our adopted pets. Thank you for working with us so that all our fifth graders could have a productive, educational, and fun year. We hope that you and your family enjoy a happy, healthy, and safe summer.

Mrs. Mitchell, Ms. Freedman, Mrs. Keating, and Mrs. Balitsos