

Last week we started our last Science Standards focused on developing a model to describe that matter is made of particles too small to be seen. We did a few labs demonstrating the changes between solids, liquids, and gas. I think their favorite might have been the chocolate melts. I have given the students an optional experiment to continue their work measuring quantities to provide evidence that the total weight of matter is conserved regardless of the type of change that occurs when heating, cooling, or mixing substances. Students can choose to do the Chemistry Cake this weekend or next weekend. Cake #1 may be more appropriate for Mother's Day, but completing the whole experiment will give student's extra credit for this final Science Unit. I hope you enjoy ☺

Next week, we will begin our last small group reading books. The book choices were Island of the Blue Dolphins, Dogsong, Liar and Spy, My Side of the Mountain, Holes, and Peak. All of these books focus on strong young adults with an adventurous spirit. My hope is that these last six weeks in reading, students will continue to demonstrate passion and zeal that carries them into the summer months.

We had a wonderful time on both our field trips to Opsis and Orchestra Rocks Interactive Concert. Thank you to Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. Sanchez, and Mr. Sanchez for making those field trips possible!

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

Students will take a test on Chapter 12. Students will then understand how evil entered through the world through Adam and Eve.

Reading

Students will start our last small group reading assignment. Students will demonstrate their understanding of conflict.

Writing

We will continue with our unit on Poetry. Students will create lymrics, haikus, and free verse poems. Students will recognize the different spellings for plural words. Next week, students will continue to understand how to use good, better, best.

Math

Next week the students will start Chapter 13 on measurement. Students will convert one metric unit of length into another. Students will also convert from one customary unit of weight to another as well.

Science/Social Studies

We will continue our last Science Standards on developing a model to describe that matter is made of particles too small to be seen. Students will measure and graph quantities to provide evidence that regardless of the type of change that occurs when heating, cooling, or mixing substances, the total weight of matter is conserved.

School News

Start thinking about a piece your student can memorize- a poem, part of a favorite story, part of a speech... From this, three students will be selected to share their piece in front of the whole school on June 8th. Student's individual selections are due by May 12th and will be presented to the classroom during the week of May 22nd. More information will be coming soon!

The sign up form and a copy of the speech selection should be sent to the classroom by May 12th. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Religion Chapter 12 Test, Tuesday, May 10th

Virtual Field Trip to Yellowstone, Wednesday, May 17th

Half Day for students, May 26th

Memorial Day, No School, May 29th