NEWSLETTER  
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**Anchorage Public School September 5, 2017**

**Spelling/Vocabulary:**

The words this week will come from our Journeys’ series. The spelling/vocabulary test is Friday, September 8, 2017.

* isolated
* virtual
* access
* devour
* impassable
* remote
* obtain
* preserve
* extremes
* avid
* loquacious
* persevere

**Math:**

This week in math we will be rounding numbers. Students will create number lines to justify why they rounded the way that they did. We will also look at the operations of addition and subtraction. We will collect our schema on these two operations and then use them to solve multi-step problems. Students will be assigned parts of the Unit 1 Study Guide as classwork & homework. We will start preparing for our first quiz which is next Thursday, September 14th.

**Science:**

This week the students will be working on internal and external structures of plants and animals that support survival, growth, behavior, and reproduction. We will have our 2nd Socratic Circle to discuss these issues on Thursday.

**Reading:**

This week in reading, students will dig deeper into the genre of biography. Students will practice identifying what information explains why the person is important. Additionally, they will identify opinions and personal judgments based on facts. Students will read The Troublemaker Who Healed a Nation the Nelson Mandela story. Students will analyze after reading about Robben’s Island, Why the author tells us that Mandela refused special treatment in prison. Finally, students will have an exit slip that asks them to explain the author’s purpose for writing it.

**Social Studies:**

In social studies, we will work on identifying five (5) specific types of maps; physical, historical, political, population and roads. We will review symbols on a map and how to compare two maps with different information. Students will study some geographic landforms such as canyon, basin, gulf, peninsula, mountains, plateaus, and coastal areas. Finally, we will explore the main cities on a Kentucky map.

**Upcoming Dates:**

1. Sept. 8th MAP test Reading

2. Sept. 9th Anchorpalooza

3. Sept. 11th Invite Your Grandparents to Lunch

4. Sept. 14th Open House

5. Sept. 14th First Math Quiz

6. Sept. 15th MAP test Math

7. Sept. 25-29 School at the Zoo

8. October 2-6 Fall Break

**Writing:**

In writing, students will continue to focus on narrative writing. Students will be encouraged to use vivid details in their writing as they describe the setting, characters, and story elements.

**Grammar:**

Students will continue correcting sentence fragments & run-on sentences. Students will be encouraged to transfer this skill into their narrative writing.

Word of the Week:

loquacious**- adj.**

**talkative, chatty**

**Example Sentence:** The new neighbor,Jenny is quite **loquacious**, I can hardly get a word in edgewise.