NEWSLETTER
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**Anchorage Public School Monday, August 21, 2017**

**Spelling /Vocabulary:**

The words this week will come from our Houghton Mifflin Harcourt’s Journeys series. The spelling/vocabulary test is Friday, August 25th.

 comfort

 consisted

 mention

 positive

 mood

 advanced

 properly

 peculiar

 intends

 talent

**Vocabulary Strategies**

Prefixes re-, un-, dis-

“re” - again, back

 “un” – not, opposite of

 “dis” – not, not any,

 opposite of

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**Math:**

This week in math class we will be discussing, modeling and practicing expectations.  The expectations will include behavior, transitioning, writing clear & thorough answers, and sharing out our math thinking.  Students will be pre-tested on our first unit- Place Value on Monday.  Students’ homework for this week will ONLY be Daily Math and studying multiplication facts.  Starting next week students will have Daily Math as well as a practice math sheet each night.  We will check over Daily Math each day in class, and it will be turned in for a grade on Friday.  Our first timed multiplication test will be this Friday.  Study those facts!

**Science:**

This week in Science we will be learning about ways to classify living things.  The following topics will be covered: Classifying plants into two groups, comparing and contrasting seeds and spores, classify organisms, and comparing and contrasting a plant cell and an animal cell.   We will have our first Socratic Circle on Friday to discuss these issues.

**Reading:**

This week, in reading we will be exploring types of fiction and nonfiction reading. Plus, we are exploring different types of text structure from our new Journey’s series. Finally, we will practice identifying how text structure helps us interpret the main ideas. By studying the main idea, we will learn how to identify purpose and direction of different writings. Students will also be given a pre-test on reading skills to determine our flexible grouping and homework assignment levels.

**Upcoming Dates:**

1. August 21st - Solar Eclipse Viewing

2. September 4th – Labor Day – no

 School

1. September 9th – Anchorpalooza
2. September 11th – Invite Your

 Grandparents to Lunch

1. September 14th – Open House

**Social Studies:**

Students will be introduced to our world of “Unbridled Spirits.” We will discuss the five themes of geography and learn mapping definitions such are relative and absolute location, latitude and longitude, hemispheres and types of maps.

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**Writing:**

In writing, students will focus on narrative writing and the writing trait will be elaboration. They will practice drafting a descriptive paragraph describing a setting and using spatial transitions to elaborate on the location. Finally, students will use sensory details to make their writing more engaging.

**Grammar:**

This week in grammar we will focus on “What is a sentence?”

Students will understand sentence fragments and learn about simple and compound subjects and predicates.