NEWSLETTER
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 **Anchorage Public School**  **November 6th, 2017**

**Spelling/Vocabulary**

Here are the new words for this week. The spelling/ vocabulary test is **Friday, November 10, 2017.**

fault local

borrow apologize

reference proof

fainted slimy

genuine insisted

**Vocabulary Strategies:**

We will introduce the suffix “ize” and suffix “y”. Our vocabulary strategy for the week is antonyms. Students will be creating their own t-charts for our spelling words.

**Math:**

In math we will be looking at multiplication as a comparison. We will be reviewing the distributive property, perfecting our skills at multiplying multi-digit numbers, and solving multi-step problems. Finally, we will review for the Unit Test which is scheduled for Thursday, November 9th. Students should prepare for the Unit Test by reviewing their: math journals, exit slips, & study guide.

**Science:**

This week in Science we will continue to work on analyzing and interpreting data from maps around the world to describe patterns of Earth's features. Then the students will analyze Earth's features from Kentucky.

**Reading:**

This week in reading, we will start Jr. Great Books. Students will be involved in discussing the story Thank You M’am by Langston Hughes. It is a story about a fourteen-year-old boy name Roger. He attempts to steal Mrs. Jones’ purse, and she ends up taking him home with her to feed and talk with him about his choices. A special thank you goes out to the parents who are leading the group discussions.

**Upcoming Dates**

* November 7th – Picture Retake
* November 10th – Veteran’s Day Program
* November 11 – 16 – Book Fair
* November 15th – End of Trimester

**Social Studies:**

In social studies, we will look at Kentucky’s plants and animals. In all, Kentucky has 75 species of mammals, 340 species of birds, 242 species of fish, and 100 species of amphibians and reptiles. Then we will move on to Kentucky’s weather and climate. Kentucky has pleasant, mild weather in the spring and fall. Summers, on the other hand, are hot and humid. We have our Southeast states and capitals test on Wednesday, November 8th .

**Writing:**

This week we will continue to focus on informative writing. We will be working on explanatory essay writing. Students will focus on deciding which facts and details to use. Then, they will work on determining a logical organization for their essay. After that, students will look at model text, and then complete their own graphic organizer for their explanatory essay.

**Grammar:**

This week students will be working on identifying compound and complete sentences.