

The Jarrett Report

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Spaghetti Lunch

I would like to thank all of the parents that came to help out with the spaghetti lunch and give a special thank you to Mrs. Fryar for organizing the event. It was very fun and entertaining. You would be impressed with the creativity of the students.



USJ Website

My personal classroom Website is www.Unitedstudentsofjarrett.net. I have added the Spaghetti Invention to the student web pages.

Math

Last week's Math 4-Today Test Scores showed a significant improvement from 3 students passing to 16 students passing! That helped me feel better. We have a long way to go, but at least I can see progress!

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Last week the children's focus was on place value, problem solving using parentheses and algebraic equations, multiplication & division. I talked to the children about taking their time when taking a test. Many are in a rush to complete the task rather than making sure their best work is on the assignment. Children are still not looking over their work closely because many of the errors were careless. Next week we will continue to work on place value. Students will model numbers with grid paper and base 10 blocks.

Students may rework any missed problem on a separate sheet of paper for credit. They must write an explanation as to why they made the error for each problem. I look very favorably upon those that redo work they have made error on.

X + ÷ Assessment

On Friday the students took an assessment to determine if they had completely mastered the expected level of multiplication and division expected for 5th grade. Unfortunately, many have not. Due to time line expectations I need to move forward with place-value, but plan to remediate until those who have not mastered the skills get them. There will be an additional math homework packet based on skills needed going home weekly and due on Fridays for these children. Please assist your child with this particular activity because they need to have these skills mastered. Some of the issues continue to go back to lack of knowledge of basic facts. Parent signature will be expected weekly.

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Job Fair

We will begin writing resumes this week for the Job Fair. I am allowing them to embellish their experience and education as they create their resumes. If you want to give your child helpful hints on good schools, experiences or other information on a resume, feel free to boost their knowledge. They must write at least 5 resumes, but can interview for as many as 7 jobs which would require 7 resumes. This will give me the opportunity to see if we have any holes and have students fill them for me. The Job Fair is Friday, September 2nd. Every child will receive a job from the Job Fair. These positions will be filled by the interviewers based on interviews and resumes. All children will receive a job, but it may not be their first choice. The more they interview the more opportunities they will have at positions they are interested in obtaining. **Please assist them in their clothing choices for the interview.** We will be discussing handshakes and eye contact as well in preparation for the Job Fair.

Science

Last week we work added elodea and snails to our aquariums. This week I hope to finish the aquariums and move on to the terrariums. The majority of the children are working hard on their science vocabulary. It is imperative that they study weekly for the cumulative review tests because they will be tested on their knowledge of the subject matter. This past week we had a video forecast with a hurricane.

Up Coming Events

- **August 26th – Typed Summary Book Report or Choice Book Report**
- September 2nd - Job Fair
- September 5th - No School - Labor Day
- September 6th – Picture Day Track 4
- September 9th - Early Release Day
- September 16th – Biography Book Report/or Typed Summary BB
- September 23rd - Ecosystem Invention Due
- September 30th - Early Release - Track Out Day

*Please note that I update this list weekly. There are many tests not listed yet, because I am not exactly sure where they will fall until we get closer to the date.

* Every Friday we have a math 4-Today Test & a Science vocabulary test. Every Thursday we have a Greek & Latin test. I do not list this routine type of testing in the upcoming events.

Wish List

Crickets – Need them on a regular schedule (Once a month)
<http://www.armstrongcrickets.com/georgia/crickets/special-crickets>

Lab Coats Embroidered - If someone has an embroidery machine, I have several lab coats that I want to have USJ Math Leader Embroidered on them in the name section.

Box of Hershey's Chocolate Bars for Rewards Soda's for rewards

- **Someone to glue/cement the bricks in the planter in front of the ramp**

Big Wishes

ILX.com

<http://www.ixl.com/promo?partner=google&phrase=Search%20-%20IXL%20-%20Branded&qclid=CJXfiJGi07gCFYai4AodUWoAOQ>
\$299 for a 1 year 30 student class membership. It

works with all levels. It sends reports to parents and teacher and the teacher can assign homework for students in this program. It offers remediation as well as enrichment. It can be accessed from home for math homework as well. (Maybe some parents can join together to help get this program so the cost would not fall on one person.)

PLANTER BOXES

Either make new planter boxes for the railings or remove the hangers on the railing. One was broken a couple of years ago and a parent took the boxes home to repair and they never returned.

IPad(s) For Reading Center – Daily 3

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IPad/s or Tablets - For Reading Center (As long as we can access KidBiz

Newbery Books/Wish List

El Deafo, written by Cece Bell

https://www.amazon.com/El-Deafo-Cece-Bell/dp/1419712179/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1471819476&sr=1-1&keywords=el+deafo

One Came Home, written by Amy Timberlake

http://www.amazon.com/One-Came-Home-Amy-Timberlake/dp/0375873457/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1406465379&sr=8-1&keywords=One+Came+Home%2C+written+by+Amy+Timberlake

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Paperboy, written by Vince Vawter-

http://www.amazon.com/Paperboy-Vince-Vawter/dp/0385742444/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1406465279&sr=8-1&keywords=Paperboy%2C+written+by+Vince+Vawter



It always pleases me to see children throw themselves into their work!