

The Jarrett Report

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First Week

I was extremely pleased with the first week of school. The class is very well behaved and excited about learning. I am very excited to see what we can accomplish this year.

Agenda

Each year I am thrilled the moment the agenda is complete. I was very pleased with the wonderful entries in the cover contest. You will notice that the spelling, science vocabulary, Greek & Latin roots, journal entries, book reports, and inventions for the entire year are located in the agenda. together! The front cover was designed by Noah Finerghy and the back cover was designed by Drew Lewis. **Please send in \$5 to cover the cost of the agenda.**

Currently, more than half of the class has not sent in their \$5.



Big thanks to Mrs. Lewis for a quick trip to get photos copied for the Agenda.

USJ Shirt

Students have voted on the winning design for our T-shirt. They choose Nikki Drew's design for the front and Reed Pruchnewski's design for the back. I would like to order the shirts on Friday and they should be in within 1-2 weeks. **Shirts can't be ordered** until all of the money is completely collected. **The cost of the shirt will be \$12.00.** Please indicate the size needed for the shirt. This allows us to have 2 colors printed on the front of the shirt. If anyone could help out with the cost of an additional shirt for those children in need of assistance it would be greatly appreciated. If sending a check please make it out to Allison Lewis.

Autobiographies

The children did an awesome job on the autobiographies. We have listened to or viewed most of them. I am very impressed with the literary voices of many of these children! I am having a bit of technical difficulty with a few, but will figure out a way for the class to view them. I have learned a great deal about

the children from these projects. There were many exceptional autobiographies that were turned in. I am very excited about the year!

Math

Last week the children worked on 2 and 3 digit multiplication strategies as well as problem solving. Students worked in teams of threes to solve the same problem each using a different strategy. I was very impressed with how hard they worked as a team to make sure everyone was able to solve the problems in their groups using different methods.



They also learned about stem and leaf graphs. I use stem and leaf graphs in my newsletters to help you see how your child is performing with their peers in math. I have told the children that they are to explain to you how to read the graph.

Friday Math Test

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4	0000
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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.

Spaghetti Lunch

The first invention that students are to create is a device to eat spaghetti with other than the everyday utensils. We will be eating our lunch on Friday of next week.

I am very excited to see the creative genius of this group of children. Suggestion: Wear something that spaghetti stains won't show or wear a bib!

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Elections

This week the children will be required to participate in our USJ election. They may choose to run for one of the following offices: mayor (1), City Council (6), Park Commissioner (1), Park Board (4). These government officials will have weekly lunch meeting to plan for the USJ community. On Tuesday the children will announce which office they are running. On Wednesday we will have a small debate. Thursday they will give campaign speeches and Friday the election will take place. Student may create posters and campaign in any manner they choose as long as it is a positive only campaign. They are not allowed to put down other candidates. This will be a very exciting week. The speeches that the students write will be placed in their writing portfolio as a 1st quarter writing sample. I will give them a rubric to help them format their speech. They will work on them Monday- Wednesday. They will be allowed to work on them at home because they will want to practice and prepare to give their speech.

Language Arts

The children have jumped into literacy with both feet and have set reading goals as well as annotating effective writing about reading. This entire group does an excellent job with self-sustained reading and appear to have a true love of reading!!!



New Setting

I thought I would give you an update on the classroom. The kids are responding well to the new setting, and I am working on adjusting as well. Things seem more relaxed and the kids given these freedoms are jumping in to make sure that they do

what is right so no one can say it is not working. Something that I would really like is some sort of app for either my computer or phone that has a timer to keep us on schedule all day. I really would like a musical 2 minute warning that students must be to the next station/ place in 2 minutes to help with transitions. If anyone knows of such a program I would be very grateful to learn about it and try it in the classroom.

Science

Last week in science the students classified biotic and abiotic factors. The children will begin to build their Eco-Chambers as soon as I have enough soda bottles.

Please keep the 2-Liter Clear soda bottles coming in. I need over 100 of these bottles to complete the project.

1.01 Describe and compare several common ecosystems (communities of organisms and their interaction with the environment).

Up Coming Events

- August 8th - Announcement of Candidacy
- August 9th - Election Debates
- August 10th - Election Speeches
- August 10th - Washington DC Meeting 6:00
- August 11th - Cereal Box BR Due
- August 11th - Election Day
- August 17th - Spaghetti Inventions Due
- August 18th - Spaghetti Lunch
- August 18th - Early Release Day
- August 21st - Solar Eclipse
- August 23rd - Ident-a-Kid
- August 25th - Typed Summary Book Report or Choice Book Report
- September 1st - Job Fair
- September 4th - No School - Labor Day
- September 15th - Biography Book Report/or Typed Summary BB
- September 22nd - Ecosystem Invention Due
- September 28th - Readathon
- September 29th - 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

Sign Up Genius Sent out with Needs

*I put most of this there, except paper

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White Cardstock

Snails – 30 aquatic snails for ecochambers

(some pet stores let you pick out ones they don't want in their aquariums)

Elodea (Need 30 sprigs)- probably cheapest on line

Dust pan and broom

Reams of copy paper. The school has \$5000 left for the entire year in their budget for everything. If every student brings in a ream of paper that will help considerably.

Big Wishes

ILX.com

<http://www.ixl.com/promo?partner=google&phrase=Search%20-%20IXL%20-%20Branded&qclid=CJXfiJGi07qCFYai4AodUWoAQQ> \$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.)

SkyPanels – Need 2 more – stratus cloud panels to complete the classroom set up.

