

The Jarrett Report

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USJ Government

Last week we had our first City Council Meetings and City Council worked to write laws and shared with USJ their ideas and gathered feedback. This week they will finalize the laws and bring before the people to approve them. City Council met an extra day last week to develop a cubby standard to help with organization of materials. They did an excellent job with the process and the cubby area is much more organized and looks better. The Cubby Fairy has already visited and approved of many of the cubbies! The City Council has great ideas and I am very pleased with their desire to make USJ and awesome place to live and work.

2.02 Describe the similarities and differences among the local, state, and national levels of government in the United States and explain their legislative, executive, and judicial functions.
1.01 Describe the absolute and relative location of major landforms, bodies of water, and natural resources in the United States and other countries of North America.

USJ Shirt

T-Shirt Design has been extended for another week. Students need to make the shirt designs on the computer so that they will be able to be sent to the printer without the additional cost of a designer to replicate the design for the silk screening process.

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 DRES.

Math



We continued working on line graphs this week. On Monday we did a paper airplane STEM challenge. I

discovered one thing while working on this challenge. The children need lots of practice measuring. If you could have them do things around the house to help, like measure perimeter of room to determine amount of flooring needed to be purchased or cleaned. Many had no concept of simply how to mark and move measuring tools such as ruler, yardstick or measuring tape. This is simply something that comes from practice. When you are doing things around the house and come across an opportunity for your child to measure, please give it to them. Simple life skill that needs some practical application on a regular basis to stick.

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.



Please remember that children are allowed to rework all work for a better grade except multiple choice tests. Those we would have to negotiate some sort of activity/project to replace the grade. 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. All students received their math test on Friday in hopes they would make corrections over the weekend. This week we will be taking a culminating test and graphing activities on Monday & Tuesday dealing with graphing. Then on Wednesday we will begin volume.

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 August 24th**.

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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Language Arts - EL

We began our EL activities last week and started reading Esperanza Rising. It is a great book and is allowing us to learn vocabulary in Spanish and allowing other children to share their languages as well. In our class we are also being exposed to Korean as well as Arabic translations! What a Global classroom we have! This is a very deep curriculum and we are currently comparing Esperanza Rising to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights Document. It is the hope that all children are also reading about Human Rights- in various forms. The objective is to look more Globally and realize that there are issues all over the world and that we as humans need to protect the rights of all people regardless of race, creed or color.



One of the discussion methods in EL is back to back, face to face. The children are enjoying the sharing/discussion aspect of this program. The questions are often deep and many children will have to reread material read at home to complete homework.

Science

This past week we looked at cells, tissues, organs, systems and organisms. We also discussed unicellular vs multicellular organisms. I was very pleased with the improvement in the science vocabulary tests this week. I am hoping to see the studying trend continue!

This week we will focus on the skeletal system. I am introducing a project to the students on Monday called the **Human Body Project – Teaching the Human Body**. The students will be TEACHING someone else what they have learned in science each week. It is probably best done on Friday or the weekend with a parent or older sibling. They will be required to teach concepts of the system that we are

learning about that week. The “Student” will have to sign off about the 3 concepts that they learned as well. I think this will be a great way to help them cement some of the basic ideas of each system as well.

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

Up Coming Events

- **August 17th – Early Release**
- August 23rd – Spaghetti Inventions Due
- August 24th – Spaghetti Lunch 1:15
- September 3rd – Labor Day No School
- September 24th – Human Body Project Due
- September 28th - 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.

NEEDED

https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/VYRM3HTB6IGY/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2 Please note that the books on this wish list are books that we would really love for 1st quarter. The new curriculum suggests these titles and they would be awesome, just no money in budget to get them. 1 or 2 copies of each title is what I am aiming for to share with the children. This quarter all books deal with human rights in a variety of settings.

- Soda for Math Tests
- Crickets for reptiles

