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MS. SHAW'S CLASS

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SPECIALS SCHEDULE

Monday: P.E.

Tuesday: Art & P.E.

Thursday: P.E. & Library

Friday: Music & Computers

SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES

This week, we will finish Social Studies Chapter 2: *Where in the United States is Our Community?* We will locate important places on the map of the United States and discuss the direction in which we would travel to get there as well as the distance from our community.

Finally, we will review Chapter 2 and take our test on Tuesday, December 6th.

LITERACY THIS WEEK

READER'S WORKSHOP

This week in Reader's Workshop students will use the mentor text *Waiting for Ice* by Sandra Markle to discuss how understanding the purpose(s) and elements of literary nonfiction can deepen their appreciation and understanding of these texts. Students will also use the mentor text *Snowflake Bentley* by Jaqueline Briggs Martin to discuss how understanding the purpose and elements of biography can deepen their understanding and appreciation of these texts. Finally, students will learn how to use the text features found in reference nonfiction to deepen their understanding and appreciation of these texts using the mentor text "Great White Sharks" by R.L. LoRe .

WRITER'S WORKSHOP

This week in Writer's Workshop students will use the mentor text *The Honey Makers* by Gail Gibbons to ask questions about topics and subjects that pique their curiosity and make them wonder. Students will also explore how the writers they read exhibit passion for their subjects using the mentor text *Into the Sea* by Brenda Guiberson. They will also explore their own passions through writing. Finally, students will use the mentor text *Bat Loves the Night* by Nicola Davies to recognize that nonfiction writers are often experts in subjects having to do with science and the natural world. Students will use their knowledge and curiosity of nature and living things to generate ideas for writing.



MATH LESSONS THIS WEEK

EUREKA MODULE 3: LESSONS 5-8 MODULE 4: LESSON 1

This week, students will count by units of 7 to multiply and divide using number bonds to decompose. They will also use the distributive property as a strategy to multiply and divide as well as interpret the unknown in multiplication and division to model and solve problems using units of 6 and 7. In addition, students will understand the function of parentheses and apply this understanding to solving problems.

Finally, we will begin doing a Module 4 lesson each Friday, starting this week with Lesson 1. In Lesson 1, students will understand area as an attribute in plane figures.

TEACHER NOTES...

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a nice, relaxing break.

Please return your child's Workshop Binder with all of its contents, report card envelope, and signed parent signature page at your earliest convenience.

MATH TIP ...

When working with multiplication facts remember that every multiplication fact has a twin (commutative property), which makes it easier to remember. For example, if you know 5×8 , you also know 8×5 . This way, you only have to remember half the multiplication table.



DATES TO REMEMBER

November 28th – Classes Resume; Happy Birthday Lucas!

December 2nd – Bowling “A” @ Palos Lanes 4:00p.m.

December 6th – Social Studies Chapter 2 Test

December 7th – PLC Day Dismissal @ 1:30 p.m.

December 9th – Bowling “B” @ Palos Lanes 4:00p.m.

December 14th – Spirit Day (Wear Blue); Hot Dog Day; PFA Board Meeting @ 9:30a.m.; School Board Meeting 7:00p.m.