

Mr. Hrymak 's Weekly Newsletter

Weeks of May 15 and 22, 2017- Unit 4, Week 2

Language Arts

Happy Monday! We will ending our school year in language arts with *Unit 4, Week 2*. This lesson's essential question is, "What can you discover when you give things a second look?" The main stories we will read are entitled, "Where's Brownie" (a short play), "A Window into History," a reader's theater-type play, and "A Second Chance for Chip." These all fall under the genre of *Mystery and Drama*.

Last week, students began writing a book of poetry. You will be able to read the book at the end of the year.

This Week's Reading Strategy and Comprehension Skill:

- Visualization and Point of View

This Week's Vocabulary Words:

- astounded, concealed, inquisitive, perplexed, precise, reconsider, and suspicious

This Week's Vocabulary Strategy:

- Adages and Proverbs

This Week's Grammar Strategy:

- *Kinds of Pronouns*

How can I help at home?

Students will also be receiving today, a "Word Workout" sheet, as well as a "Comprehension: Point of View" sheet. These sheets contain activities and ideas to reinforce the weekly skills.

Reading Assessment:

Students should review pages 248 - 259 in his/her Reading/Writing Workshop book.

Science

We finally completed the parachute drop after a long series of unavoidable delays. We will now move on to a unit called *Energy Transfer*. Students will use models to describe that the energy in animals' food (used for body repair, growth, motion, and to maintain body warmth) was once energy from the sun.

Other Important Upcoming Stuff:

- The *PFA Reading Celebration* event is on Wednesday, May 17.
- The *Best of West* event will be on Monday, May 22.
- The fifth grade *Earth Dome* assembly is Tuesday, May 23.
- Our senior e-pals from Peace Village will visit our school on Thursday, May 25.
- Fifth grade's annual *Growth and Development* presentation is Friday, May 26.
- Fifth grade's annual *Brain Day* with Dr. Cavey will be on Wednesday, May 31.
- The fifth grade picnic will also be on Wednesday, May 31.
- There is a noon dismissal for students on Thursday, June 1 for *Record's Day*.
- School is out for the summer at 10 am on Friday, June 2!
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