



Mrs. Koch's May Newsletter

*This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad.*

Psalm 118:24

May 2017

Lower Grade Reading

Long vowels with e, e_e, ee, ea, _y, i, i_e, ie, igh, _y, u_e, ew, and ue

Vowel combinations ou, oo, ow, oi, oy, au, and aw

Base words with inflections, suffixes, and prefixes.

Writing - opinion, poetry, response essay

Grammar - contractions, adverbs, possessive nouns, adjectives

Upper Grade Reading

Story structure, understanding characters, anchor text, compare/contrast, fact/opinion, and formal/informal language

Commas, proper mechanics, comparisons, and possessive nouns

Words with silent consonants, stress in multi-syllable words, and common final syllables

Literature

Poetry – different kinds of poetry, understanding theme, narrative, rhythm, rhyme, repetition and the speaker in poems.

Cite pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.

Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).

*Students are always working on reading fluency.

The Writing Corner With Kindergarten

Kindergarten has been working hard while in The Writing Corner. They've been studying short and long vowels, sounds sh, th, and ing. We'll start working on ar, oo, and er. Students have been typing sentences using the words cat, dog, fish, pig, sun, bed, rabbit, leg, three, man, snake, and vase. If time allows, they'll start working on hand, jump, wagon, yard, moon, kite, and zipper.

Student Council News

Thank you to all the families that participated in our annual Lenten Food Drive to benefit St. John's Helping Hands Food Pantry. We collected close to 700 items to help others in need☺

Student Council will be visiting The Sheltered Workshop in Washington May 22

8th grade vs. teachers/parents volleyball game scheduled for May 17. 6th & 7th grade StuCo will ref the games and help out.

Thank you, StuCo students and parents, for a wonderful year☺ Enjoy your summer!

Helpful Websites for Your Child

Reading/Language Arts:

www.reading.ecborg

www.seussville.com

www.abcya.com

www.funbrain.com

www.pbskids.org

www.starfall.com

www.storylineonline.net

www.highlightskids.com

www.primaryinteractive.co.uk

www.sheppardsoftware

www.spellingcity.com – click on Kelly Koch for your child to practice 1st grade spelling & vocabulary words

Math: www.sheppardsoftware.com

www.funbrain.com

www.resources.oswego.org/games/mathmagician/maths1.html

www.multiplication.com

<http://Hoodamath.com>

<http://Mathblaster.com>

<http://MathGameTime.com>

www.mathplayground.com

www.coolmath-games.com