



Mrs. Deal's Class Newsletter

Week Of
September 16

Reading

Critical Reading

Students will be learning how to use the 5 elements of a story to analyze what they read.

Comprehension Strategies

Students will be making connections with their reading. They should be reading 20 minutes every night.

English Language Arts

Patterns of Power

Focus Statement for the week:

I use plural nouns to show more than one person, place, or thing.

Nifty Thrifty Fifty

Fifty words that are familiar to most intermediate students and can be used to teach common prefixes, suffixes, roots and the spelling changes that go along with them.

Composer

Discovery

Encouragement

Impossible

Richest

Greek and Latin Words and Roots

Re "again" Sol "sun"

Sub "under" Pre "before"

Vocabulary

- Action
- Conflict
- Plot
- Character
- Internal Conflict
- Setting
- Theme
- Metaphor
- Sensory Language
- Simile
- Figurative Language
- Hyperbole

Creative Writing

Students use the 5 story elements to create, revise, and edit their own story.

This week we will finish the first draft and learn how to use sensory language and figurative language to add details to our writing.



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Coming Up This Week

Tests

There will not be any tests this week.

Homework

- Read at least 20 minutes everyday and write a response in your journal using the strategy of the week.
- Study the assigned vocabulary, Nifty Thrifty Words, and Greek/Latin words and roots

Special Announcements

- IStation
Students have begun using Istation for both math and reading intervention and support. You are able to download this app to a computer at home as well as access your child's progress. I have sent home information regarding this. If you need another letter just let me know.
- Big Kahuna Fundraiser is still going on now.
- 5th Grade will travel to the Bass Hall to see the presentation of Ellis Island on September 19, 2018
- 4th Grade will be self-contained on September 19, with a sub. Various activities are planned to enrich what they have been learning in all subjects.

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela

Read more at: https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/nelson_mandela_157855?src=t_education