

What's happening in Mrs. Cochran's class?

How To Speeches

This week we prepared for and began our "how to" speeches. Those who have presented have set the bar high! I was impressed with their confidence as they spoke in front of their peers. We've learned how to make a duct tape flower pen, rope a steer, catch a football, create a scrapbook, and draw a flower to name a few.

As an audience we've learned how to be an active listener and provide feedback to the presenter. These children are simply **AMAZING** at helping each other out, I am so blessed to work with such awesome kids!

Student Spotlight
Meet Abbi Thompson
 Age: 10
 Favorite subject: Math
 Favorite book: Dear Dumb Diary
 Favorite food: Clam Chowder
 What she hopes to be one day:
 PE Teacher
 Hero: Mom

**NEXT WEEK'S
 SPELLING
 WORDS**

million
 collect
 lumber
 pepper
 plastic
 borrow
 support
 thirty
 perfect
 attend
 canyon
 traffic
 fortune
 danger
 soccer
 engine
 picture
 survive
 seldom
 effort

Here's what we're learning!

Language Arts
 As noted above, our writing block has been reserved for speeches this week! Next week we will review several grammar skills and learn about prepositions. We are also reviewing our test taking skills as we prepare for the "Big Game", MAP testing will be here soon and we'll work hard to ensure each and every student knows he/she WILL BE SUCCESSFUL on this assessment!

our reading this week. "Harvesting Hope," a biography of Cesar Chavez was our reading selection. In the story, Cesar was trying to persuade people to work hard to improve conditions for farm workers. Next week our focus will be main ideas and details.

Math
 (from the desk of Mrs. Bien)
 This week the students worked on adding and subtracting fractions. We began by adding fractions with like denominators. The denominator must be the same to add or subtract them. We then moved to fractions with unlike denominators. Students had to find a common denominator before they could add or subtract. They are also doing a great job of simplifying their answers. We will move on to decimals next week.

Reading
 Is the story trying to persuade someone to do something or think a certain way? This was the focus of

Science

We completed our chapter review on ecosystems this week in science class. Next week we will begin a social studies unit on slavery and the Civil War. This topic always raises many questions and lots of interest. Don't forget, we have a piece of Civil War history here in Carthage, MO...plan a trip to the Civil War Museum and stop by the Battle of Carthage grounds!



For your calendar

- *Next week-Read-a-bration continues!
- *Jan 26- Dominoes Pizza Night
- *Jan 30-8:15-8:30-Fourth grade parents are invited to bring in a good book and read a few minutes with your child!
- *Feb 3- end of Read-a-bration/ mid-quarter reports come home
- *Feb 8-January Awards Assembly
- *Feb 8-Dismiss at 1:00 for Teacher In-Service
- *Feb 14-Valentine's Day Parties at 2:15
- *Feb 20-No School (pending no snow days)

10 Weeks Until Game Time