

October Newsletter – Grade 6



Halloween Homonym Jokes:

Q. What do witches put on their hair?
A. Scare spray!

Q. What is the problem with twin witches?
A. You never know which witch is which!

Q. How do you make a witch itch?
A. Take away her W!

Q. Why did the witch travel on a broom?
A. She couldn't afford a vacuum cleaner!

Q. What does a witch get if she isn't a good traveller?
A. Broom sick!

Q. What happened to the witch with an upside-down nose?
A. Every time she sneezed her hat blew off!

Q. How does a witch tell the time?
A. She looks at her witch-watch!



Grammar News:

Our grammar focus for September was reviewing what "Always Criteria" is and taking a look at adjectives in preparation for descriptive writing.

This month we will be working on synonyms, antonyms, homonyms and homographs. Hopefully the jokes on the left will help students remember which "which" to use when not wanting witch! The ones to remember are there, their and they're and to, too and two!

Below is an outline of what's to come in the next few weeks.

- LANGUAGE:** Our independent reading focus for October will be reading *Stepping on the Cracks*. Our "Reading for Meaning" focus will be on analyzing text through fiction and non-fiction materials. The non-fiction work will be based around the amazing animal called the cheetah! The written language component for the month will be on descriptive writing and letter writing. Learning Goals and Success Criteria for all areas will be posted on the Focus Board, along with samples for students to review and model after.
- MATH:** Math concepts this month will be on number patterns and table patterns. New math vocabulary will include: recursive pattern rule, explicit pattern rule, common difference and relationship pattern rules, variable, expression. Please work at home on money concepts, operation problems (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division). Try a few long division problems for fun! Thanks to everyone who finished the September math calendar. I still continue to send these calendars home as I know they help tremendously in reviewing skills and even attempting concepts that may be new....for now. ☺
- SCIENCE:** SPACE!! This unit is always a blast! Lol...sorry couldn't resist! Last month we began the unit by watching various videos and researching facts about stars and the sun. This unit will be the base for oral presentations coming in November. More details will come home regarding this.
- SOCIAL ST.:** "Our Community" will be the focus for social studies AFTER we have completed the unit on SPACE. Students will be reviewing continents, Canada and Ontario as a warm up. I have put together a slide show about how our community (Caledonia based) is the same or different than other types of communities. I think the students will enjoy learning some fascinating historical facts about their own community!
- DRAMA:** Students have been working on memorizing important facts about themselves and then "slating" them in front of the class. This proves to be very important, especially if they ever need to do this for a 911 call!
- ART:** Line Designs
- HEALTH:** Healthy eating from a dairy point of view. Thanks to Henrietta Heeg for coming in soon and speaking about cows!
- OTHER:** More information will be coming home about our "Black and Orange Day" celebration on Tuesday, October 31st