



Legend Springs
Elementary School
Glendale, AZ

October 28, 2013

Reading Goal: I will read 123 or more words correctly in 1 minute.
Math Goal: I will recall 100 multiplication facts in 5 minutes.

SAVE THE DATE...

OCTOBER
Oct. 31 - Fall Party 2:25-3:25 p.m.

NOVEMBER
Nov. 01 - Early Release 8:45-12:05 p.m.
Nov. 05 - Miss Sromek's Birthday
Nov. 05 - Election Day
Nov. 07 - Picture Retakes
Nov. 08 - Flagpole Friday
Nov. 11 - Mrs. DeVargas and Mrs. Nelson's Birthday
Nov. 15 - Flagpole Friday
Nov. 18 - PTA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 22 - Flagpole Friday
Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving/No School
Nov. 29 - Thanksgiving Break/No School

This Week's Specials...

Mon-	Badger-PE Nelson-Art	DeVargas-PE Sromek-Music
Tues -	Badger-Music Nelson-PE	DeVargas-Art Sromek-PE
Wed-	Badger-PE Nelson- Music	DeVargas-PE Sromek-Art
Thurs-	Badger-Art Nelson-PE	DeVargas-Music Sromek-PE
Fri-	Badger-Music Nelson-PE	DeVargas-Art Sromek-PE

Students of the Week:

- Badger-Abir Sud
- DeVargas- Andrew Henning
- Nelson-Liam Murray
- Sromek-Hailey Wade

Box Top Count is

- Badger-375
- DeVargas- 856
- Nelson-556
- Sromek-500

SOCIAL STUDIES...

Social Studies
The Social Studies book is now available online. Students were given their login information today (10/25)

Students seem to be genuinely intrigued with the history behind our country's first settlements. :) Next week our content will transition from the first colonies to the Revolutionary War era. Our focus will be on: 1) why the colonists wanted to be free from England's rule 2) the important events and people that impacted the Revolutionary War, and 3) the role of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution in the early US.

Next Thursday there will be a brief quiz (10 multiple choice questions: 5 vocabulary & 5 content) over Lessons 2 & 3 from Chapter 6. The vocabulary words that will be on the quiz are: **explorer, settler, colony, tax, & independence**

The other 5 questions will be over the big ideas (not the tiny details)--assessing students understanding of the big picture/main ideas, which have been at the center of everything we have been doing in class. The **Reading Checks** for each subheading are a GREAT way to review the main ideas. As is the **Summary** at the end of the lesson. (Wink, wink)

An incentive for logging on to SS e-book-- Students can earn a positive & piece of candy (or just 2 positives) if **on Monday** they bring a statement "We explored the SS book" or something to that extent, with parents signature. It can just be on a post it, or scrap of paper.

PTA news...

Our PTA as opened up the website to order our new school shirts, hats and sweatshirts. The site will be open from October 21 through November 4, 2013. To access the site and order online, go to www.blue84spirit.com/az882.

Question of the Week?

What are smart ways that problems are solved?

Last Week's Question?

Students learned that some animals adapt to solve problems by:

- develop protective traits
- hibernate
- live in nests

Reading...

Review Unit 2 Smart Solutions

Genre: Review

Phonics/Word Analysis: Review

Comprehension Skill: Review

Comprehension Strategy: Review

Vocabulary Skill: Review

Conventions: Review

Fluency: Review

What to do every night??

Wondering how to help your child? Every night they should work on---

- ****Raz Kids (if they are signed up)-1 story
- ****Learnzillion—1 lesson
- ****Pearson –daily activities
- ****Reading 20 minutes

Math...

This week we will begin working on Perimeter. I will be using lessons from Envisions, Investigations and Georgia math.

Continue to work with your child on their multiplication facts! Fact fluency timed test are on Fridays.

NEW

LEARNZILLION: Due on 11/8/13

Please have your child work a little each day, on this site. I will be pulling some grades from here.

Some of you have expressed interest in receiving fluency passages, to practice, with your child. Fluency passages can be done with ANY reading material. Simply time your child reading for 1 min—this can be repeated 3 times or more. Make it a fun challenge: have your child predict how many words they can read...see if they beat their prediction.

Build Your Vocabulary with Amazing Words - 008

Amazing words and Vocabulary will be review this week... please see previous newsletters for words.

Writing...

What to expect this week....

- Week 12 writing packet
- Six Traits - Organization
- Unit 2 Review skills packet
- Review tests
- Editing activity