

Reading**By Bryce Wilson**

We learn a lot about reading. We read a lot of books. Every time before we read a book we tell the teacher what kind of story it is like fiction, nonfiction, and more; this is the story genre. We also describe what that genre means. We are reading Letters Home from Yosemite. The story tells us a lot of information about San Francisco and Yosemite National Park. This is an expository or nonfiction text. We have been working hard to understand the author's purpose of what we read. The author's purpose for this story is to inform us because it has lots of facts and information.

Science/Social Studies**By Yeuhan Amy Li**

We have started learning about minerals and ways to identify them. We identify rocks by looking for their properties like how they react with acid, how it reflects light, the shape the rock breaks into, and the hardness of the mineral. For testing the hardness, professionals (and us) use a special hardness scale called the Mohs scale. To find the hardness, scratch the mineral

with items like a fingernail, school, a penny, or diamond.

Writing**By Sarah Noble**

We've been working on quotes like "Your deeds are your monument". We give credit for who said it, so we copy that too. After copying the quote and who said it, we write what it means to us. We are working on a narrative prompt. We learn the steps in the writing process and how those steps connect to rubric sections. You start writing with brainstorming and prewriting in your journal. Organizing ideas has been our focus. Next, draft on notebook paper; only the front and skip lines. Revising is after drafting, and then we write a copy to publish. We edit our final publish copy before turning it in.

Specials**By Mrs. Harris**

→ Music with Mrs. Gallo Recorders have been handed out. Practice at home is encouraged, but recorders need to come back for music class each day.

Upcoming Dates

-**Mon, 10-14** Fall PVU begins
 -**Tues, 10-15** Picture retakes
 -**Tues, 10-22-Weds, 10-23**
 P/T Conferences & Book Fair

-**Thurs, 10-24** Fall Celebration

-**Fri, 10-25 and Mon, 10-28**
 No School; Fall Break

Math**By Arthru Cardoso**

In math we are learning about place value and data. We do a timed test every Tuesday and Thursday. Last Friday, we did a test for Unit 2. We finished the test on Monday. Everyday we check our homework together. We learn about rounding before adding or subtracting to create a ballpark estimate. Sometimes we play fun math games like Simon Says. Mrs. Mumaw is Simon and says for us to find or make a certain thing like an acute or right angle. Unit 3 is about multiplication. We are starting with reviewing basic facts, but I think we will move on to multiplying larger numbers.

Teacher Tidbits

- Thank you for your flexibility with the Cabin Days field trip. The students really enjoyed themselves and learned a lot. Be sure to ask your student for more details!
- P/T Conference sign up was sent out. A reminder message about your scheduled time will be

sent. Please reach out if changes need to be made..

- The Fall Book Fair will be open during Conference times only. More information will be coming.