

Filling Buckets with Love



The Final Week!

Monday 15th – Field Trip

Tuesday 16th – Math Game Day

Wednesday 17th – Writing Workshop Books

Thursday 18th – Reading Day – Students bring a blanket and either a stuffed animal or pillow for this day. They also get to wear their pajamas. AR is due this day and they will also get their AR awards for the 4th Quarter.

Friday – 19th – Pack up their belongings. Please make sure they have their backpacks.

Thank you for sharing your children with me this year. They have been a blessing to me as I close out my teaching career. I have loved watching them grow so much this year in their learning and faith.

Here are some ideas on how to help keep your children from losing everything they have learned, or even a part of it. Have a time set aside for practice. This doesn't have to be everyday or for very long. Yet, it is important to encourage your children to be learners outside the classroom.

Religion: Remember that when you are on Summer vacation, that it doesn't mean a vacation from Church. Children need to know the importance of worshipping God year round. Make sure to make church a weekly event and Sunday School too. Remember VBS will be coming up as well. Review back over the stories from our Religion books that we have sent home. These will make a great devotional item.

Spelling: Continue to work on spelling and writing through writing letters to a family member, or writing emails. This is a great way to encourage writing. Children love getting mail. Also if you go on vacation have the children send postcards to friends and family.

Reading : Libraries have summer events and programs that the children can be involved in. They can also check out books for Summer readings. Reading when it is too hot outside is great, and there isn't any rules against taking books outside to a shady spot to read. Good rule of thumb for independent reading is to have the child read a couple of sentences from the first page. If they miss more than 2, then it is a good book for you and them to read together, but not a good book for them to read on their own.

Social Studies : Museums are great places to explore information and future and past ideas, inventions, and cultures. There are many great museums in the Austin area, Temple, and Waco. The Smithsonian, <http://www.si.edu/Kids> , has a great website to explore virtually the museums, kids' activities, and web cams for the zoo. The following is a website great for learning their states, and capitals, and many other map activities. http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/web_game_s.htm

Science : Museums are also great for Science as well. The Mayborn Planetarium and Space Center is a great place to go. It isn't too far (Killen) and not costly. They have many different shows to choose from and will have different ones during the summer. Check out their website – www.starsatnight.org for times and shows. Our website for the Science Second Grade book is <http://www-k6.thinkcentral.com>. It is the same log in as the Math log ins. You just

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change the Math to Science once you are logged into the website. You may review over last year items. The Thinkery is great for hands on activities, as well as the Mayborn Children's Museum in Waco.

Math - Have the students take a certain amount of money into the store. They can use the money to buy anything they want. This will also cut down on the I want, I want, in the store. Have them count out the amount of money that will be needed to pay for their items. Practice flash cards through games. Also review back over items, and look at the chapters we didn't finish on the website. (<http://www-k6.thinkcentral.com/>) You can also use the math notebooks to review concepts, practice facts, and clocks

There are many websites out there for math, reading, phonics,You can even look up websites for series like Magic Tree House, or Dr. Suess, or by author and they will some times have activities for the kids.