



The Tadpole Times

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Issue #1

Reading

We will be reading *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* for the next few weeks. During this time, we will be working on preparing for ISTEP+. The students will be reviewing skills from 4th grade, and they will also be reviewing skills on how to answer questions in the format that ISTEP+ uses.

There will be no vocabulary over the book during ISTEP+ review window. We will be starting vocabulary when we begin working in our reading textbooks after ISTEP+



Language

In Language, the students will be working on writing to prompts. This will help prepare them for when they are writing to a prompt on ISTEP+.

The students will also be reviewing language concepts from 4th grade.



Spelling

The students will be having a test over 26 words that deal with prefixes. They will also have 4 bonus words this week.



Science

We will be reviewing 4th grade concepts in science. The students will be given examples of problems that are found on ISTEP+.



Social Studies

We have been working on general social studies concept since the first week of school. We will be finishing the introduction on Tuesday. On Wednesday, we will be beginning Chapter 1. A vocabulary list will be coming home on Wednesday.



Specials

Our classroom is split into 4 groups. Each group will be going to a different specials class with another 5th grade teacher. If you have any questions about what special your child has, please feel free to contact me.



Meet the Teacher

Meet the Teacher will take place at 6:30 on August 30th before Open House. Please make plans to attend this meeting. You will be learning about our classroom rules, Date Binder, F.R.O.G. Binders, and more.

Snacks in the Classroom

LCSC has adopted a new Wellness Policy. Snacks in the classroom now have to come from an approved snack list. This includes when birthday treats are sent in and when we have classroom parties. I will be handing out the approved snack list on Meet the Teacher Night. If you need to know what the list is before then, please contact me.



Birthdays

8/12 Dakota
8/15 Emily
8/16 Andrew S.
8/25 Trystan



Dates to Remember

8/27 School Board 5:30
8/30 Meet the Teacher
6:30
Open House 7:00



Be sure to visit our classroom website: www.leapinginto5thgrade.com