

October 12, 2015

I enjoyed meeting everyone on Friday, what a neat tradition we have at St. Helen! Can you believe it is the eighth week of school? We were very busy last week and didn't get to everything - we will review the spelling list and the story from last week before moving on to our new story.

This week we will be working on drawing conclusions as we read the story *Turtle Bay* by Saviour Pirotta. It is about a Japanese boy who befriends a wise man and learns how to be patient and listen to nature. We will be working with proper and common nouns and the spelling words all have *sh*, *ch*, and *tch* in them.

Next week our story is a nonfiction selection about a wildlife photographer. We will work with drawing conclusions again as we look at the differences between realistic fiction and nonfiction. We are looking at singular and plural nouns and the spelling words all have the /s/ and /j/ sounds in them.

FIRST BOOK REPORT will be due Oct. 21!!!!

This week in math we are finishing the introduction to division and will have a unit test on Thursday and Friday. Next week we will begin unit 3 and will be working with patterns and estimating. We will also continue working on multiplication facts - keep working on the MATH LOGS!

October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary and Mary as the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is October 7. This month we will be learning about the different mysteries we are supposed to meditate during recitation in addition to when and how to say the Rosary. More info:

<http://catholic.net/index.php?option=dedestaca&id=3196>

Our bean plants sprouted well and we planted them last week - we will finish our observations of the similarities and differences between the different types of beans we grew.

In social studies, we will finish up our investigation into how money flows through an economy. Our classroom economy will continue throughout the year but our focus in social studies will move to ancient Greece with a novel study and series of projects (most of them will be done in class).

As always - Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns
God Bless, Mrs. B