

Mr. L's Friday Recap



I wanted to try something new this year and send a Friday recap home to parents via Class Dojo and Remind each week. It will be longer so it will come as a PDF. If you can't open it just message me and I'll get it to you some other way! I hope this opens the dialogue between families so the kids can't get away with "I DID NOTHING AT SCHOOL!"

This Past Week:

We started the week with Current Events and the Week in Rap on Flocabulary. Students went over the Graphic organizer they will use when it is time to present. A letter will come home in Wednesday folders explaining this as well as the SCHEDULE for round 1. All this will also be posted on my website: <http://mrlestagegrade4.weebly.com/> by Wednesday.

Link to graphic organizer:

<http://mrlestagegrade4.weebly.com/uploads/1/4/2/1/14219068/currenteventsassignmentform-1.pdf>

Language - Grade 4 Social Studies

Name _____ Date _____ Class _____

Title of Article _____
Author _____ Date of article _____
Source (name of where you got it) _____

Circle the appropriate theme that applies to the content of the article:
Geography Culture Government Technology Battle/Conflict
Education Resources Religion History Sports

This article was about (summarize):

List and describe the important people/things mentioned in the article:

List and describe the places/locations mentioned in the article:

ABOVE ^



BELOW

Students got their copies of Storyworks for September which they can either keep in class or their ELA/SS binders. They will get a new one each month. Remember you can also access them from home at <https://storyworks.scholastic.com/>. PASSWORD IS: lestage.

5th graders came to model Book Talks for the classes and they created their Book Talk folders. They will begin signing up for Book Talk Fridays as the month progresses. When it is their week to present, they will bring the Book Talk folder home. I will send home student examples in Wednesday folders as well.

Book Talk Links:

<http://mrlestagegrade4.weebly.com/book-talks.html>

We also went over spelling activities and the MUST DO vs. EXCUSED from spelling activities. Keep that sheet somewhere safe as it is their "menu" to choose from. 250 points are due by FRIDAY'S, only if they get a MUST DO written on top. I sent a letter home explaining that this week.

LESTAGE/MAURICIO ELA - SPELLING

Creative Spelling Homework

This is your spelling homework every week. You must complete **250 points** worth of activities each week.

Remember:

- ✓ You can choose five 50 point activities, two 100 point activities and one 50 point activity, or one 200 point activity and one 50 point activity.
- ✓ Write the names of the activity or activities you choose at the top of your paper.
- ✓ You may complete the same activity more than once during a week. NO PHOTOCOPIES. Must do the activity again if you enjoy a certain one.
- ✓ Activities may be passed in daily or all together by FRIDAY each week. Friday is final day to pass in any activities due!

50 point choices

Silly Sentences - Write at least 10 sentences, with at least one of this week's spelling words in each sentence.

Picture Words - Draw a picture and write your spelling words in the picture.

ABC Words - Write your spelling words neatly in ABC order.

Definitions - Write at least 10 of your spelling words and their definitions.

Practice Makes Perfect - Write all of your spelling words neatly 3 times each.

Type Your Words - Use a computer to type your spelling words. Print out the list to turn in.

Rainbow Spelling - Copy your spelling words 3 times each using different colors.

Draw Your Words - Draw a picture of each of your spelling words.

Colorful Words - Write your spelling words using one color for vowels and another color for consonants.

Cursive Spelling - Write your spelling words two times neatly in cursive.

Target Words - Write all of your spelling words and go over the tricky parts of each word with a pen or marker.

Syllable Words - Divide all of your spelling words into syllables (ex. excitement = ex/cite/ment)

Poem Spelling - Write a poem using at least 5 of your spelling words.



<http://mrlestagegrade4.weebly.com/spelling.html>

We discussed the importance of 9/11 and how to talk about it with people that don't know about it or weren't around/old enough when it happened. We used BrainPop to discuss and then watched an incredible documentary from HBO which was created to help talk about it in school. If you haven't had a chance to check it out, it is available On Demand. I've included the trailer link here:

<http://www.hbo.com/video/documentaries/what-happened-on-911/videos/promo>



We also took our first trip to the library where students will be allowed to check out 2 books every 2 weeks. Our classes go every other Wednesday.

Students began Writer's Workshop and started to brainstorm different ways to come up with topics. Ask them all about it so far!

Social Studies we began reviewing map skills, continents, oceans and moving into latitude/longitude. Flocabulary <https://flocabulary.com> has awesome videos on all these topics we used in class and are great review for at home. Login is: tlestage@freelake.org, password is: 7587123t.

Map Skills Link:

<http://mrlestagegrade4.weebly.com/map-skills.html>

Next Week at a Glance:

- Monday spelling activities begin
- A 5th grader will model Current Events and we will create our schedule for the 1st round of presentations.
- Wednesday folder will come home with Book Talk examples as well as Current Event example and schedule.
- Students will be taking the beginning of the year iReady screeners in Math and Reading

I will have the website updated tonight and look for many new links, documents, etc. to be updated and posted by Wednesday next week.

I hope your kids are well adjusted and enjoying their first few weeks of school. I certainly have enjoyed them! Let me know if you need anything and please ask questions! Resources are EVERYWHERE!

Have a great weekend and GO PATS!



- Mr. L

