

NEWSLETTER

Mile Club

Mile Club for this week has been moved to **Friday**, December 9.

Smiley Math Papers

Smiley Math papers are sent home on Monday and are **due back on Friday**. Please make sure your child completes the Smiley Math paper on time!



Practice Those Multiplication Facts!

When we come back to school in January, we will begin having **timed tests on the multiplication facts**. These tests will count as 10% of the math grade for the nine weeks. Students are expected to have recall of the basic facts through 10×10 within 3 to 5 seconds each. For the timed multiplication tests, I give the students 3 minutes to complete 40 problems.

I'm planning to test on one set of facts every week during the nine weeks, usually on Thursday each week. Our first test will be multiplying by 0, 1, and 2 on January 5. On January 12, we will test on the 0s, 1s, 2, and 3s. The next week will add in the 4s, until we finally test on all the facts up through 10×10 .

I know from experience that the test scores usually fall once we get to the 6s, 7s, and 8s, so start practicing those hard facts now, too!

Northeast Region Test

Don't forget that students will be expected to **label the states** of the Northeast region on the test. Keep practicing! The test is on December 13.

No Spelling Test Next Week

We will do Unit 3.4 when we come back in January.

Websites to Practice Skills

★ For spelling and vocabulary words:

<http://www.spellingcity.com/jillsruss/>

★ For reading comprehension:

<http://www.fcatexplorer.com/>

★ For math practice:

<http://mrsruss.com/math3.htm>

December 15, 2011

- 8:20 - 8:55 Art Project
- 8:55 - 9:25 PE
- 9:25 - 10:15 Pajama Breakfast
- 10:15 - 11:30 Literacy Carnival led by students in the Leadership Class at Niceville High School
- 11:30 - 11:55 Class work
- 11:55 - 12:25 Lunch
- 12:30 - 2:30 "Polar Express" movie. Bring a **pillow!**



Calendar

December 8, 2011

Science Quiz Lesson 3.1: Mass, Volume, and Temperature

December 13, 2011

Northeast Region test.

December 14, 2011

Subtraction -8 Timed Test

December 15, 2011

Pajama Breakfast @ 9:30
Literacy Carnival @ 10:15

December 16, 2011

School dismisses at 1:50.

December 19-30, 2011

Winter Break.

January 5, 2012

Early Release

This Week:

READING

"Saving the Sand Dunes"
Spelling Unit 3.3

MATH

Division by 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.
Using strategies to divide.

SCIENCE

Properties of Matter.
Physical properties, mass,
volume, and temperature.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Northeast region.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Past Tense Tense Verbs.
Expository Writing.
Joining lowercase cursive
letters.