



Ms. Bazan's 3B Newsletter



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This Week...

Literacy:

-We finished reading Lon Po Po while focusing on taking notes on fiction. We started to read Mysterious Magnets while focusing on taking notes on nonfiction.

Math (Objectives)

- Identifying a fractional part of a set
- Multiplying a one-digit and a two-digit number using mental computation
- Identifying right, obtuse, and acute angles
- Measuring line segments using millimeters

Writing:

-We finished our writing project on directions. We focused on the writing trait of organization.

Science: We continued to learn about the patterns in the sky.

Important Notes...

*Please keep practicing multiplication facts with your child.

*The end of the year countdown has begun! We will focus on one letter a day spelling SUMMER VACATION! The exclamation mark will be our last day. I will include the letter for each day on my calendar. It will also be posted on our website.

*Our last Words Their Way test will be next week (May14-18)

Next Week...

Literacy:

We will continue to read Mysterious Magnets while focusing on taking notes on nonfiction. Using the right kind of organizer can help a reader organize, understand, and remember important details from what they read.

Math (Objectives)

- Multiplying a single-digit number and a multi-digit number
- Identifying a function rule
- Multiplying three or more factors
- Measuring to the nearest tenth of a centimeter

Writing:

- We will complete a writing activity review the traits of writing.

Science: We will take our chapter 15 test on Tuesday.

Social Studies: We will start to learn about communities and trade.

What's Going On...

Upcoming Important Dates:

May 14-PTO Volunteer Breakfast

May 18-April/May Book Report Due

May 24-Multiplication Sundae Party!

May 25-Field Day

May 28-No School-Memorial Day

May 29-Last Day of School 8:35-9:35 a.m.
Report Cards Distributed



Questions to Ask Your Child

- What is the product of $45 \times 1,000$? (45,000)

-What is 6×5 ? (30)

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Special Reminders

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
E	R	V	A	C
Eighties Day	Red-White-Blue Day	Vacation Day (Vacation themed clothing)	Awesome Hat Day	Comfy Day
May 14	Science: Chapter 15 Test May 15	May 16	May 17	Reading Log Due May 18

Taking Notes on Nonfiction

Using the right kind of organizer can help a reader organize, understand, and remember important details from what they read. While focusing on taking notes on a nonfiction text, we read the book *Mysterious Magnets*. This is an informational non-fiction text that gives scientific details about how magnets work.

Matching a Graphic Organizer to Text

Some graphic organizers are more suitable for nonfiction books than they are for fiction books. Good readers decide which organizer to use based on the text they are reading. When reading a nonfiction chapter book, a five-column chart would be appropriate. Each column would be used to take notes on a different chapter. Since the chapters in a nonfiction text are generally organized by topic, the notes will also be organized by topic.

Taking Notes on a Five-Column Chart

Using a five-column chart to take notes on a nonfiction book is a good strategy to use. Write chapter headings at the top of each column. Record single words and short phrases as opposed to complete sentences under each chapter heading. Look for words and phrases that will help you remember important details.

Taking Notes as You Read

Good readers take notes as they read. When reading a nonfiction text, take notes on each chapter as you read it. Remember, you don't have to write down all the information you read. Only write down just enough to remind you of the important details. Once you are finished reading the text, you can then use your notes to help you talk or write about the text.

Using a Five-Column Chart to Give an Oral Summary

A completed five-column chart can help the reader organize what they want to say about a text. The notes are just short reminders of the important details, but when giving an oral summary good readers turn these notes into complete sentences.

Using a Five-Column Chart to Write a Summary

Completed five-column charts can also be used to write a summary of a nonfiction text. The column heading, which is the chapter title, will be used to create a topic sentence. The notes that were taken will be used to create additional sentences about the topic. Since good readers only include the important information when taking notes on a graphic organizer, this is the perfect tool to use to write a written summary.