



Mrs. Foley's



Classroom Newsletter

November 23, 2011

Million-Word Reader

So many of the students are challenging themselves to read and quiz more. The growing motivation continues to impress me. One of our superstars has already reached one million words! Congratulations, Lauren! We are proud of you!



Game Book Report

For our second quarter book report, the students are asked to read a non-fiction book and then create a game to teach others about the facts he/she learned from the text. We talked in depth about the expectations in class this week. Detailed directions can be found in your child's assignment notebook. I also sent home another copy on blue paper along with a worksheet to help your child plan the game's name, number of players, materials, and rules. This is a rough draft and should not be turned in. The final project will be presented. The students will then have an opportunity to play the games in small groups.

Snacks

We are almost out of snacks. Here are a few suggestions the kids really like:

- cereal bars
- fruit snacks
- fruit roll-ups
- pretzels
- Goldfish
- animal crackers

Looking Up Lexiles and RC Points

You can do this at home!

Many students are asking me to look up the lexile levels and point values for books they bring from home or borrow from the public library. While I can certainly do this, I encourage you to try these easy steps yourself at home.

1. Go to the Oakland homepage (www.district87.org/oakland).
2. Choose "Reading Counts" and "Reading Counts Search Tools."
3. Click on the D87 logo to search the D87 Reading Counts quiz collection.
4. Type in your child's username followed by @district87.org and his/her password.
5. Choose "Reading Counts Quiz Search." Type in the book title.

Support Oakland

- Collect Campbell's labels.
- Collect General Mills Box Tops.
- Turn in old cell phones.
- Turn in used ink jet printer cartridges.

Gift Ideas

Here's a list of school items your child might need. Several students have been borrowing pencils from me daily. Please ask your child what he/she needs. Perhaps these can be stocking stuffers!

- pencil sharpener (collects shavings)
- pencil top erasers
- pencils
- diary or journal for home writing
- multiplication or division flash cards
- bookmarks
- handwriting practice workbook for home
- math practice workbook for home review
- replacement home-school binder
- replacement folders

Upcoming Dates

November 24 and 25

NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Break

Thursday, December 8

Non-fiction Book Report Due

Wednesday, December 21

End of 2nd Quarter

Thursday, December 22

Winter Break Begins