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August 30, 2010

Mark Your Calendars

- Meet the Teacher Night
Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 5:30p.m.
- Skate Night
Thursday, Sept. 23 6:00-8:00p.m.

First Week

Wow! What a great first week of school! Thank you all for such a smooth start. We are so excited to begin another fantastic year at Beachland! We look forward to a memorable year with each and every one of you!

Curriculum

Students have already begun diving deep into our new math series. We have completed the first five lessons of division in preparation for our first quiz on division methods this Tuesday. As you may know, the district adopted a new math series this year. Please be patient as we all are becoming more comfortable and familiar with this new textbook.

As far as Science, students have read about and explored some of the tools they will be using during science labs. Our goal this week is to read about inquiry skills and conduct several experiments using the scientific method.

In Reading, students will be reading Rope Burn from the basal. All students will receive spelling and vocabulary words. The quiz will be on Friday. Don't forget to study a little each night. Students will be expected to take the Rope Burn AR test once we complete the story. The focus skill is conflict and resolution. Narrative elements will be reviewed as well. Along with

the story Rope Burn, students will be learning the jobs of literature groups through the story Freedom Summer. This is in preparation of literature circles and novel studies which we plan on implementing soon.

Computer Lab

This week in computer lab all classes will take the district math benchmark test online. This test will be completed in two forty minute blocks. The results are used for baseline data only.

Reading Holistic Test

Students will also complete the district Reading test which will be administered later in the week and used for baseline data only.

Meet the Teacher Night

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 14 at 5:30. Parents of 3,4, and 5 graders may visit their child's classroom and meet their child's teacher from 5:30 -6:25. We will begin promptly at 5:30 reviewing our classroom goals and expectations. Immediately following the classroom presentation, all parents are encouraged to visit the cafeteria for faculty introductions and a chorus presentation followed by a PTA overview. From 7:15-8:15, will be K,1, and 2 classroom presentations. We hope to see you all there on September 14!

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

The Fifth Grade TEAM