

Kauffman Chronicles

Letter from Mr. Kauffman

Our days have been filled with learning since our last newsletter. We have learned about how to make our writing better, how to work with each other and to have good teamwork, how to add two digit numbers together, and what it means to be a lifelong learner. We began a learning club about a month ago, where everyone comes in to the class and either writes down on our blog or on their whiteboards what they have learned. This has really strengthened our class in terms of respecting each other and listening fully when another person is talking.

We have also begun to look at how we can continue our learning outside of our classroom. This includes skype calls with other classes around the world, creating student made work that can be posted on the internet and in our school for all to see, and also by sharing what we have been learning with many others in our school and around the world. Our class is working hard at becoming global learners, learners that know what is going on around them and the world at all times. Our goal is to become a lifelong learner, not just this year, but in the years to come. Thanks for your supportive attitudes in helping our students meet those goals.

Christmas Time

With Christmas Break coming closer each day we need to keep in mind that the break that is coming could be a time to help our students academically along with financially. If you are thinking of giving me a gift, I would prefer that it be for our classroom. Thanks for your understanding as anything that I could I hope to put to use in our class. Another thing that we can all do this Christmas time is to sit down with our students and read and write with them. This could be 10 minutes a day of reading or even writing a letter to someone. Please make it a goal to try this 4 days a week over our break.

Student Work

You can continue to see student work posted on our website. I try to keep it updated at least 3-4 times a week. Our website is <http://www.kauffman.weebly.com>. This site is great for students to go to and show parents or anyone what they have been learning. We have also been posting student work outside our room. The lack of work coming home with your student does not mean they haven't been doing any work, we are just trying to showcase their work online and in our hallway for others to see.

Students have been really busy these past few weeks creating Lego Stories in groups, working together to solve math problems, and working on becoming more proficient readers. Our work is continuing to improve each and every day and the growth that we have seen in our students is tremendous. Talk to your students tonight about some exciting things that have been going on in our classroom.

Volunteers

I have not done a good job having volunteers in our classroom this year and for that I want to apologize. I know some of you have expressed interest in helping in our classroom

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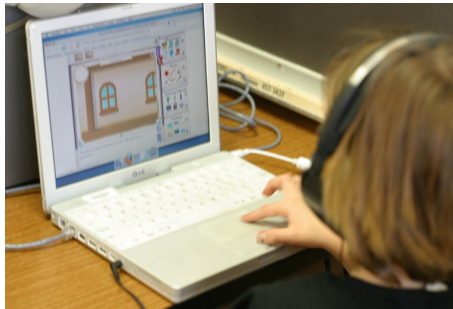
and I hope to use volunteers more after our break. If you are willing to help in our class, please get in touch with me. Again thanks for your time and willingness to help in our class.

Student Showcase

Here is just a sampling of some of the work that students have been doing over the past month. Enjoy the work!



Thankful trees, what students are thankful for!



Students writing on Computers!



Students working with Legos to create stories!



Students working together to make books on telling time!

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