



Panda Room Newsletter

2/24-2/28

Hey Panda families,

Welcome back from Rodeo Break. I hope it was fun and pleasant for everyone. I first want to give a shoutout to all the families that showed up for our Celebration of Learning! It was heartwarming to see such a big turnout and I know it made the Pandas happy to see so many adults supporting them in their education. The Pandas will get a small break from project work for the next couple of weeks, and then we will start our next project at the start of next quarter. I have only one big announcement I need to make; our field trip is next Tuesday (March 4th) and I have mostly everyone's permission slip. If you are not sure you have turned yours in, email me and I will let you know. The one thing that I am lacking though are the admission fees. It is 4 dollars per student, if you are an adult that is joining us, and you haven't told me you are one of our chaperones (the deadline for that was a couple weeks ago), you will have to pay full price when you get there. If you are not sure if you are on the official chaperone list, email me and I will let you know. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Reading

We will finish our work comparing stories. We will also be doing our final Benchmark Assessment this week. I promised the students that if they show a 20% increase on their scores, I will shave my head and dye my beard. So, if you see Mr. Zane looking like a clown in the next couple of weeks, know that it is a sign of good things happening. For reading we will also be practicing our close reading skill and reading about soil and earth materials.

Math

In math this week, we will be continuing our work with Unit 4. The focus of this unit is adding and subtracting using numbers within 1000. This week we will be choosing our strategies and defending their efficiency to the class. These lessons will help with their number reasoning and critical thinking skills.

Science/Writing

This week in science we will be continuing to work with soil and learning how it is made and what it does. This unit in science has been messy, but a ton of fun and the Pandas got to experiment and observe all sorts of different earth sciences. This week for writing the Pandas will be putting their final changes on the games they exhibited last Wednesday. We will also be doing some magic box writing which is a fun exercise in writing stamina.