

Friday, April 17, 2015

RE: Week of Monday, April 20, 2015

Just a few things...

- Our meaning and spelling tests for [Our Strange New Land: Elizabeth's Diary, Jamestown, Virginia, 1609](#), is Monday, April 20. Our next read aloud will be [The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane](#), written by Kate DiCamillo. The new vocabulary and word skill lists will be handed out on Monday. You may also find the lists posted in the English/Language Arts homepage.
- Our brains got a good workout this week as we..
 - used yummy beverage recipes to find equivalent liquid measurements
 - constructed pronoun flowers to test our knowledge of subject, object, and possessive pronouns
 - learned about the similarity and difference between a combination and a permutation
 - constructed combinations using three, four, and five pattern blocks
 - integrated what we learned about combinations with the use of Microsoft Word tools to show our combinations
 - began our next social studies chapter (6)
 - kicked off some earth science with a video about our sun and stars
- REMINDER- Our field trip to the Pierce Middle School Planetarium is Tuesday. Please remember to bring a packed lunch and drink if you did not order a school sack lunch. We will eat there after the program before we return to Cooks. You may bring money for a souvenir, but it is not necessary. The children will be responsible for any spending money they may bring.
- Our Junior Achievement volunteer, Kelly Anderson, will be joining us on Wednesdays for the next five weeks. She will facilitate some great hands -on activities that the kids will be sure to love.
- The Harlem Wizards are returning to Valpo on Friday, April 24. The opportunity to purchase advanced tickets has been extended through next **Thursday, April 23**. The cost for each ticket is \$10 in which \$2 is returned to Cooks. Every Cooks student who turns in a ticket order will be entered into a drawing for some *official* Harlem Wizard souvenirs- a basketball, a lanyard, or a flashlight necklace. The items are on display outside the school office.
- The VCS Elementary Art Show begins on Saturday, April 25, through Wednesday, May 20, at the Valparaiso Public Library. Check out our talented children's artwork.
- The May 5th election for the school referenda is fast approaching. As parents of VCS children and/or property owners, it is important for you to cast your vote. Please go to www.schoolsworthsaving.com if you would like to read about the specifics. Our kids deserve the best.

Enjoy your weekend.