

Friday, May 1, 2015

RE: Week of Monday, May 4, 2015

Just a few things...

- Our current read aloud is The Lightning Thief, written by Rick Riordan. The new vocabulary and word skill lists were handed out on Monday, and the lists have been posted in the English/Language Arts homepage. We will not have our spelling and meaning test until Monday, May 11.
- Our brains got a good workout this week as we...
 - completed our final reviews for the ISTEP
 - read and responded to our reading
 - practiced how to identify our textual evidence within our passages and expand our use of PQA in our short answers.
 - began creating character cards (notes) to organize all of our read aloud's characters
 - completed our "official" ISTEP practice tests
 - began our tests today
- The VCS Elementary Art Show will continue through Wednesday, May 20, at the Valparaiso Public Library. Check out our talented children's artwork.
- SCRATCH DAY postcards went home earlier this week. I just got an email stating this workshop is filling up fast. Please register ASAP if your child is interested in attending. You may register at <http://day.scratch.mit.edu/events/109/>. All ages are welcome to join, but children must be accompanied by an adult.
- If you have not already done so, please remember to vote during the May 5th election at your precinct location. You can still early vote at the county building downtown tomorrow from 8-noon or Monday, May 4, 8:30-noon.

The ballot will only contain the two school finance questions. As parents of VCS children and/or property owners, it is important for you to cast your vote. Please go to www.schoolsworthsavings.com if you would like to read about the specifics. Our kids deserve the best.

Enjoy your weekend.