



LANINGHAM'S LYNX

Canyon Springs STEM Academy

2/19



SPRING (3rd Quarter) Newsletter

It's that time again, when a quarter is ending and we are getting ready to start new novels and activities. Please take a moment to read through and see what we have done and what we have planned. As usual, we have a lot going on! Don't forget, that if you ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to e-mail me.

Online Syllabus/Website:
Laninghamlynx.weebly.com

Conferences

- ◆ Conferences are the week of March 10th.
- ◆ If you would like to stop in, please sign up on my website.

Gifted Testing

- ◆ Testing will take place the week of 3/31
- ◆ SAGE classes will be canceled so I can conduct the testing, but students will have projects and assignments to work on
- ◆ If your child needs to be retested, I will send home a permission slip in March
- ◆ If you would like a sibling tested, please contact the homeroom teacher

Field Trip

- ◆ On 2/26, we will be going to the South-west Wildlife Conservation Center
- ◆ 3rd & 4th grades will be focusing on how animals are surviving in our climate and will gather information to help with our Hatchet/Blue Dolphins Projects
- ◆ 5th & 6th grades will be focusing on how people are making a difference in the world (relating to our auto/biographies)
- ◆ Students need to bring a sack lunch this day

Important Dates

- ◆ 2/26: Field Trip & Read Across America Week
- ◆ 3/07: Half Day
- ◆ Week of 3/10: Conferences (13th & 14th - half days)
- ◆ Week of 3/17: Spring Break
- ◆ Week of 3/31: Gifted Testing
- ◆ 4/04: Half Day
- ◆ Week of 4/14: AIMS
- ◆ 4/18: No school
- ◆ 5/02: Half Day
- ◆ 5/22: Last day of school - Half day

Help Needed

- ◆ My 5th & 6th graders only need 5 more *Going Solo* books (by Roald Dahl) to have a class set. It would be great for each student to have a book to use. If we could get a few more donated that would be great!
- ◆ We always need color pencils and paper towels.
- ◆ Order books from our book orders. All purchases from the Scholastic book orders earn us free books for our classroom.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us this year!



What's Going On In Class?

Grades 3 & 4

3rd Quarter- What We Did...

- ◆ Classroom activities with our Winter Break assignments
- ◆ Read, discussed, & did activities for *Hatchet* and *Island of the Blue Dolphins*
- ◆ Continued working with the DLPs, Vocabulary, PDSA Cycles, & ScootPad
- ◆ Field trip to SWCC

4th Quarter - What We Will Do...

- ◆ Finish *Hatchet*/Blue Dolphins/Field Trip Projects
- ◆ Mini-Book Projects
- ◆ Read, discuss, & do activities for *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*
- ◆ Continue to work on NewsELA Articles, ScootPad, DLPs, Vocabulary, and PDSA Cycles

Grades 5 & 6

3rd Quarter- What We Did...

- ◆ Classroom activities with our Winter Break assignments
- ◆ Read, discussed, & did activities for Non-fiction History/Biography Study Groups & for *War Horse*
- ◆ Continued working with the DLPs, Vocabulary, PDSA Cycles, & ScootPad
- ◆ Field trip to SWCC

4th Quarter - What We Will Do...

- ◆ Finish Field Trip Projects
- ◆ Read, discuss, & do activities for *Going Solo* & *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*
- ◆ Continue to work on NewsELA Articles, ScootPad, DLPs, Vocabulary, & PDSA Cycles

Other Things...

CS Parent Book Club

- ◆ I am thinking in starting a book club for parents of gifted children in the 4th quarter.
- ◆ I hope to have details at conference time, and information should be on the school website soon.



Environmental Club Info.

- ◆ Thank you for donating used technology to recycle. We will be sending in our first shipment at the end of the month.
- ◆ We are on schedule to start the Desert Tortoise Habitat in March
- ◆ Meeting Dates: 2/21, 2/28, 3/7, 3/28, 4/11, 4/25, & 5/9