



# Weekly News

ACADEMIC NEWS- LOOKING AHEAD

12- 16- 11

**MATH-** Skills: multiplication, place value through ten thousands, ordering and comparing numbers, large numbers, estimating, decimals, fractions, place value in decimals, and review of skills previously learned. **Practice addition and subtraction facts daily.** We are currently memorizing the multiplication facts for 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

**Progress check: 0 –6, 7, 8, 9 multiplication tables- 40 problems in 3 minutes on Friday**

**WORD STUDY/ SPELLING-** Skill: review skills; no test this week

**GRAMMAR-** Skill: adjectives

DOL practice

Cursive handwriting

**READING-** We will be reviewing skills previously studied.

**No Selection test this week**

**\*\*\*\* AR requirement- at least 10 points with at least 86% accuracy**

**SOCIAL STUDIES/ SCIENCE-** Fossils

Skills: investigate fossils as evidence of organisms that lived long ago, explain how fossils are formed, identify species that are extinct

Vocabulary: fossils, body fossils, trace fossils, preserved, mineralized fossils, perish, petrified, extinct, endangered, paleontologist

**SPECIALS: Monday- no school, Tuesday- SS, Wednesday-PE, Thursday - Science, Friday- Math**

## OTHER IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you so much for all the thoughtful holiday treats and good wishes. I hope your family has a wonderful holiday. A special thank you to Mrs. Shreve and her parent helpers for the exciting winter party.

There will be no school the weeks of December 19 – January 2. School will resume on Tuesday, January 3. Have a wonderful break.

**Please replenish your child's supply of pencils, erasers, red pens, crayons, dry erase markers, glue sticks, pencil sharpeners with shaving catcher, etc over the holidays. We use these materials every day and many students have exhausted their supply.**

Please help me out. You know your child best. If he or she is sick and unable to function in school, please keep the student at home. As much as we want all of our children at school, we want to control the spread of illness as much as possible. Please don't send your child to school with the message "call me if you don't feel better". This insures the student will want to call you. The nurse does call parents to pick students up when the student is running a fever or vomiting.

I am providing extension activities for students interested in extending their learning. These activities are NOT required.

Please look over the contents of the weekly folder, sign the materials on the "return to school" side of the folder, and return it on the first school day of the week. Remember to check the parent portal for grades and attendance. <https://go2.gwinnett.k12.ga.us/parent/wps/portal>

Students should be reading and practicing math facts each evening. AR requirements for the first nine weeks include earning 10 AR points with at least 85% accuracy.

If you should need to check your child out of school before dismissal time, please send me a note the morning of the early dismissal. This will allow us to be prepared. If your child checks out of school early, enters school late, or is absent, they will have missed instruction and assignments. I will provide a list of the activities missed. Students are responsible for making up any missed work. Refer to the handbook for information on making up missed work. Ask your child to see the list of missed assignments and assist them in promptly making up the work. Please sign the assignment sheet and return it with the makeup work.

As you notice on our class schedule, we have frequent bathroom and water breaks. Please encourage your child to use the restroom during our scheduled visits. When students must leave class to go to the restroom, they miss instruction.