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Sixth Grade Scoop

Barry School, Cortland, NY

Current Topics

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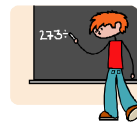
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Math

We've finished our review unit and are eager to dive into new topics!

- Order of Operations (PEMDAS)
- Mathematics Properties
- Decimals, Fractions, Percents
- Exponents
- Multiplying and Dividing Decimals
- Algebraic Expressions

Keep practicing those multiplication facts through the 12s!



Science

We continue our Ponds and Wetlands unit incorporating Cells and Microbes!

- Proper use of magnifiers, pocket-scopes and microscopes
- Comparing animal and plant cell parts and purposes
- Microbes and wetland habitats
- Field trip to Lime Hollow to explore wetlands/bog



Important Dates

10/9	School Picture Day
10/12	NO SCHOOL — Columbus Day
10/13	NO SCHOOL — Professional Development Day
10/14	Field trip to Lime Hollow (wetlands exploration)
10/16	Barry's 50th Year Celebration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:00 PM— School Assembly and ice cream • 7:00 PM— Celebration Program
10/23	Field Trip to Lime Hollow (outdoor survival)
10/30	Harvest Festival

Social Studies

- Reading and creating timelines and maps
- Using map features
- Creating personal map of Cortland
- Pre-history and beginnings of civilization
- Geography of Fertile Crescent and Mesopotamia



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Reading and Writing News



Miss Podsiedlik

In **writing** we are focusing on paragraph structure. We have been working hard at writing enticing topic sentences, 5-7 interesting detail sentences, and a conclusion sentence. We enjoyed our first large group mini lesson and are looking forward to our next one this coming week!

Everyone is doing a great job planning ahead and not procrastinating until Thursday night with their **spelling** units. Keep up the hard work!

We are **reading** independently and have set up our first quarter AR goals. The quarter will end on November 6th, and students should have earned 50% (or more) of their points by Friday October 9th. Please continue encouraging them to read for at least 20 minutes at day at home.

We also began **reading** our first class novel, Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli. We are reading the book as a whole class and having fun learning about the legends of Jeffrey "Maniac" Magee!

Mrs. Sidebottom

In **Reading Workshop** we continue to learn about book choices, (easy, just right and challenging books) how we can choose the 'just right' books for us, etc. We have begun using our Reader's Notebooks by keeping a log of our reading throughout the year and next week we will begin writing letters about our independent reading books. Each child is responsible for one letter/week which will be graded and responded to. Feel free to ask to see your child's Reader's Notebook any time.

We are **reading independently** and have set up and discussed our AR goals for the first quarter. Please encourage your child to read daily at home! We have just begun **reading** a class novel, The Cay, by Theodore Taylor. It is a great story about survival, tolerance, disability and friendship.

We are focusing on paragraph **writing** and will continue our whole group mini-lessons to encourage good structure and detail

Mr. Caravella

In **Reading Workshop**, students continue to focus on choosing and reading good books and reaching their independent reading goals. The quarter will end on November 6th and students should have read at least 6 books at their level by that time. Please continue to encourage them to read at home.

We have also begun a read-aloud of Baseball in April and Other Stories, by Gary Soto. This is a collection of short stories about growing up. Students have been focused on making connections to their own lives, and using these connections to inspire their own writing.

In **Writing Workshop**, students continue to learn new strategies for using their Writer's Notebook to write about their lives. We recently explored writing about unforgettable stories that move us and things that we wonder about.

Teammate of the Week: Ezra

Announcements



League 56 Academy

The League 56 Academy after school program began last week and continues through November 24th. The program is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-4:00 PM, beginning on October 6th through November 24th. If you are still interested in participating, please return the parent consent forms.



You are invited!

What: 50th Year Celebration

When: Friday, October 16, 2009 at 7:00 PM

Where: Barry School

Lime Hollow



On Wednesday, 10/14, the students learned all about pond ecosystems at Lime Hollow Nature Center. Thank you to Susan Stratton from SUNY Cortland and all of her college students for making this experience possible!