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CURRICULUM THIS WEEK...

•ELA (ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS)

We will be reading the story "Opt" from our reading book this week. We are settling into the routines of the Daily 5, as well as spelling. Your child's spelling list should be coming home on Monday afternoons- if it's not please let me know!

•MATH

Rocket Math is going great! Most days your child should bring home a Rocket Math test. It is simply marked by a green smiley face (student met his/her goal) or a sad face (student did not meet his or her goal). All of the kids started with addition facts and will move toward subtraction as addition is mastered.

This week in math we be reviewing addition. This will carry into next week and as we cover carrying, and decimal points and adding money.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30...

•Is blissfully "normal" ☺ with no scheduled special events.

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in endless praise.
(my prayer for your week!)

•SCIENCE

You may be wondering where the science quizzes are. After watching the kids take them and grading them I was very unhappy with how it all went. It was mostly disappointed with how I made/presented the quiz to the students. As I listened to them describe the cardboard houses that they made I was confident that they had the knowledge they needed from this unit. I decided not to record the grades from the quizzes. You will see, however, a rubric come home that reflects how your child did on his or her cardboard house project.

This week in science we are studying simple machines. This is our last week of science for the month of October, we will be switching over to social studies for a few weeks.

•BIBLE

We are starting a short one week unit on creation. There is no Bible Memory verse with this unit. You will see a lovely mobile come home, illustrating the days of creation.

This past Saturday morning I had some time to work by myself in our garden. If you remember, Saturday morning was incredibly beautiful in an autumnal way. I find mundane garden work very relaxing (in the rare even that I am alone!) and I had the song, "Take My Life and Let it Be," going through my head. I ended up picking tomatoes and singing as I worked. Anyone who heard me probably thought I was crazy (except for my family, they already know that!) but it was a sweet, peaceful time. Wishing you a week with at least one or two of those kind of moments!

We are blessed to inform you that we will be able to continue our 3rd grade swimming program at the YMCA. Bruce Bylsma (West Side graduate) and his non-profit organization are providing lessons for our students for free. Bruce and his wife Jan run a non-profit called "Go Swim Safe". The vision for this organization was born out of Bruce's burden to provide swimming and drown-proofing lessons for at-risk students who may not be able to access any kind of formal swimming lessons. Because of Bruce's connection to West Side he is blessing our school this year. If you are able to support Bruce and Jan in their mission to help at-risk students their contact information is listed below:

Contributions toward helping teach lessons can be sent to:

Swim Safe Corp
2035 28th Street SE Suite R
Grand Rapids, MI 49508

Swim Safe Corp is a 501(c)(3) tax deductible organization

We do not currently have detailed arrangements made with "Go Swim Safe." As soon as we do this information will be passed along to you!