

Katzenmeier Weekly Newsletter

April 28-May 2

Oh Mr. Moon, Moon. Bright and shining Moon....
We will continue our study of the Night Sky.

Language Arts Learning Goals:

Big Idea: "Why do the Sun and Moon capture our imagination?"

Amazing Words: observe, space, telescope, Earth, wonder, planet, star, Moon

*Heart words: he, by, until, new, there's, all, away, use, again, today, school, our, what, always, many, white, does, then, love, animal

*decode words with /eř/ as in girl, letter, or burn

*comprehension: I can recall information from a nonfiction text

*identify the main idea of a text

*differentiate between fiction and nonfiction text

*ask and answer questions from a text

*take notes from a nonfiction text

*read nonfiction text and recall information

*use text features to better understand a text

*practice narrative writing

*lowercase handwriting

Math Learning Goals:

*add single digit numbers to 2 digit numbers by counting on

*add double digit numbers with and without regrouping

Science and Health Learning Goals:

*take notes about moon phases

*understand moon phases as patterns in nature

*state what causes moon phases

*vocabulary: Moon, phases, astronaut

Our Week:

Monday: Library/ Field Trip/Homework: math homework

Tuesday: Gym/Homework: math homework

Wednesday: Buddies/Gym/Homework: re-read "Scholastic News".

Thursday: Assembly/ Art/Homework: read for 20 minutes

Friday: Music/Homework/ Have a good weekend!

We could use more snacks, please! Thank you!

Camp Deerfield continues!

Museum at Prairiefire April 2025

We are so excited for our trip on Monday! We plan to leave Deerfield at 9:00 and arrive no later than 9:55. We are scheduled to begin our museum activities at 10:00. If you are chaperoning, please plan to arrive at the museum by 9:50 and watch for our buses to arrive. You are also welcome to wait in the Deerfield parking lot and follow the buses, if you like. Group 1 will be traveling on one bus and Group 2 will be on the other bus. Please watch for the students in your group to get off the bus. You can walk next to them in line as we enter the museum. Because we had different numbers of chaperones in each class, you will have your own child with you plus you may have students from another class.

We'll need help getting the coolers and bags of lunches off the buses, if a couple of you could meet us at the door of the bus to grab them and take them to the lunch room. Thank you!!

We'll stay in line until we get to the Discovery Room. A docent will tell you where your group should start as you enter. Please stay in that area until you hear the signal to rotate to the next area. We'll rotate through all the science areas from 10:00-11:00.

At 11:00 we will transition out of the Discovery Room and line up in our two groups. One group will start with the Great Hall Scavenger Hunt and the other will start with the Wetlands Trail tour. At 11:30 the groups will switch.

At 12:00 we will be directed to a large room where we'll eat lunch. Please continue to keep your student groups together. By 12:30 we will be lining up to get back on the buses. Please be sure to have your students use the bathroom either before or after lunch, in time to leave at 12:30.

The museum schedule includes inside and outside activities. Please be sure your child comes dressed for the weather and is wearing shoes that are comfortable for a couple hours of being on their feet.

Lunch/Drinks:

Water Bottles: Please pack a small disposable drink in your child's lunch. We will not be transporting large, heavy water bottles to and from the museum. Students getting school lunch will receive a milk. If you know they won't drink the milk, you are welcome to send a small disposable water bottle. Drinking fountains are available at the museum, although not easily accessible during lunch. Adults who are chaperoning are welcome to carry their own water bottle. Thank you!

Behavior Expectations:

Students are expected to be Respectful, Responsible, and Ready to Learn. This includes students being quiet and listening when docents or teachers are talking to the group. Students are expected to use inside voices, do what is asked, and stay with their chaperones. Running, yelling, climbing on displays, and playground behavior will not be tolerated. The museum—accidentally—double-booked our reserved time during the craziness of snow days and missed field trips. It will be more crowded than it has been in

the past because normally we would be divided up in four groups instead of two. Please help us to keep the noise level down and show respect to the docents. Thank you!

There will be a teacher with each of the groups. Feel free to speak with any of us or text me (785-979-1491) if you feel like a student in your group is needing extra support.

Below is the schedule for the field trip.

9:00 Load and leave Deerfield

9:55 Arrive at the Museum at Prairiefire, 5801 W. 135th St, Overland Park, KS 66223

10:00 -11:00 1st Rotation of Activities: Discovery Room

11:00-12:00 2nd Rotation of Activities: Great Hall Scavenger Hunt and Wetlands Trail

****Use bathrooms on the way to lunch, if needed.**

12:00 Lunch

****Use bathrooms as your group finishes lunch.**

12:30 Depart Museum at Prairiefire

1:30 Arrive Back at Deerfield

Thank you for volunteering your time to spend a few hours at the museum with our students! Small groups make the memories even more meaningful and memorable! I appreciate every single one of you for all you have done to support your students this year in first grade!

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you notice any mistakes with chaperones or lunch choices! Looking forward to seeing you on Monday!

Students may be signed out at the end of the day rather than return to school. If you wish to take your child home with you from the museum, please let me know and sign out with me during the lunch break.

