

6-17-13

Dear Parents/Guardians,

My name is Sheri Tuesburg, and your child is assigned to my project-based class called "Secret Formulas". I am really looking forward to working with your child for this summer session!

We will be working on many language arts and science skills throughout this unit of study. Students will be completing various hands-on science investigations each week. They have a science notebook and will be learning to make predictions, careful observations, record data accurately, create bar graphs, measure accurately, follow directions, and make conclusions based on their investigation results.

Each day, we will be reading poetry to help us practice our reading fluency. To read with fluency means to read with expression, read at a good pace, and read all words accurately. They will have a 15-20 minute Read-to-Self block, as well. During this time, they will be reading "good fit" books at their level. Additionally, the students will be listening to me read aloud to them each day. They all have a read aloud notebook to record their "thinking". Items they may include in their read aloud notebook are:

- Record any questions that come up regarding the story
- Make inferences
- Make predictions
- Write about what makes them happy, sad, angry, scared, etc.
- Draw visualizations
- List problems/solutions
- List character traits and explain
- Write any new vocabulary words that come up

We will also be writing our own science fiction stories in bare books.

As you can see, we will be very busy! If you have any questions, Please feel free to contact me at 324-2035. It's important that your child is here every day. It's my goal to keep them reading, writing, engaged in learning, and having fun this summer.

Sincerely,
Sheri Tuesburg

