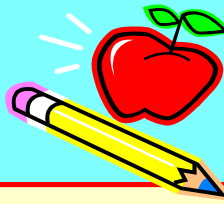


## SCIENCE FAIR THIS WEEK!



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# Mrs. Schenck's Classroom Newsletter

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## This Week's Highlights

December 2<sup>nd</sup> - Manatee Science Fair

December 13<sup>th</sup> - St. Augustine Field Trip

December 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> - Early Dismissal

December 16<sup>th</sup> - Holiday Party

December 17<sup>th</sup> - Board Game Day

## St. Augustine Field trip

Don't forget to send in your students  
\$46 and permission slip this week.

## Focus on Academics

### Language Arts:

- Spelling - This week's spelling/phonics pattern is *words with soft c and g*. Words such as *center, badge, and ounce* will be the focus. **Unit 3 week 3** words can be found on Edline (Language page - contents - more contents - Unit 3 Spelling) or on Spelling City.
- Grammar - Our grammar skill this week is *main/helping verbs*. The main verb in a sentence tells what the subject does or is: *They work for me*. A helping verb helps the main verb show an action or make a statement. The helping verb makes clearer when the action takes place: *They are working for me*.
- Reading - This week's story is the Time for Kids article Kid Reporters at Work. Skills include compare/contrast as well as verbs with inflected endings (-ing, -ed).

### Math:

- We will continue with Topic 15 which focuses on area and perimeter. Area can be calculated by length times width or base x height. We will also continue practicing multiplication of larger numbers. Be sure to go over your student's math homework each night. Remember you can access the textbook and activities online!

### Social Studies:

## A Recycled Christmas

We will be working on several fun and inexpensive crafts before the holidays. Please send in a clean / empty veggie or soup can. We will also need the following items:

- old holiday cards
- thin craft ribbon
- spray paint (splatter kind that looks old fashioned and country) - red/blue
- acrylic craft paint in bottles (white, black, peach, dark red, orange)
- yarn
- wrapped candy canes
- empty veggie or soup can

I also need someone who is willing to do some spray painting at home as well as someone to help on a craft day the last week of school before winter break.

- **We will be having our winter party on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>**. Look for more info regarding this to be sent home next week.
- **Board game day**. Students may bring in a favorite board game to share and play with friends.

