



# Spring Lake Intermediate School

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## Keller and Kipling Krew Newsletter

### Math with Mrs. Kipling

We kicked off the school year with the study of Integers. In September, students used a number line and integer chips to add and subtract integers and work through equations. This can be a difficult concept for students and they did an AWESOME job!

Last week, the students took a quiz over multiplying and dividing integers. WOW! The scores were spectacular! Currently we are working on multiplying and dividing integers with equations.

Thank you for taking the time to review your child's math homework each night, as it reinforces the information taught each day.



### MEAP Test

We began our MEAP testing last week. Just a reminder that students should get a good nights rest each night and have a healthy breakfast each morning before they come to school. Please send a healthy snack to school each day during the next few weeks of MEAP testing.



### Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their birthdays during the months of September & October.

- Brendan Teays 9/13
- Tanner Hoag 9/16
- Andre Oravitian 9/23
- Krista Lasko 9/27
- Kayla Krueger 9/28
- Gabe Stockman 10/1
- Kendall Andree 10/2
- Sid Sabo 10/12
- Alex Gajdos 10/17
- Anna Garza 10/17
- Emma Bruce 10/28
- Allison Pennington 10/28
- Jacob Allen 10/30



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### Thank you:

Thank you for taking an active role in your children's education by signing their planner every day and looking over homework for quality and effort.

Please call the office by 2:20 PM if you need to relay a message to your child. THANK YOU!!



### Social Studies with Mrs. Keller

We spent September reviewing the 5 themes of Geography, map skills, and the climate, vegetation, and natural resources of Latin America. Students incorporated what they learned about the 5 themes of geography into awesome posters. Our test over Latin America's geography, climate, vegetation, and natural resources will be next Wednesday, October 28. Next, we will dive deeper into Latin America's rich culture. Viva, Mexico! This will be a very fun and exciting unit. We will begin by studying the history of Mexico with a focus on the cultures of the Aztec and Mayan people. Students will create murals using information from a Venn diagram comparing the achievements of the Mayan and Aztec people. We will kick off our study of Mexico's culture on Friday, October 30 creating many crafts that celebrate Mexico's rich culture.



## Language Arts with Mrs. Keller

Students are well into their first writing piece, the *personal narrative*. We will celebrate these pieces next week. The genre of *realistic fiction* will be our next unit of study in Writing Workshop. We are currently reading the fictional novel **Esperanza Rising**. This is a wonderful story about a young girl who lives on a ranch in Aguascalientes, Mexico and lives the life of a princess. After tragedy strikes Esperanza, she and her mother flee to California and settle in a Mexican farm labor camp. We have learned a lot about life in migrant camps during the 1930's. Students have novel folders full of activities they have completed to support and enhance their understanding of this terrific novel. Students are encouraged to study and review these folders at home regularly to prepare for the final **Esperanza Rising** test in a few weeks. Students are also encouraged to continue studying their corrected spelling tests each week. Students will be continuously exposed to these words on future tests. **Reviewing the words that they miss each week will improve future scores greatly.**

## Congratulations New Student Council

### Representatives!

Mrs. Keller's Class: Alex Gajdos

Alternate: Katie Mumby

Mrs. Kipling's Class: Alec Palmer

Alternate: Tanner Hoag



Thank you for  
your generous  
support of the  
Walk-a-thon!



## Science with Mrs. Kipling



We kicked off the school year with a discussion of the basis of all science, "The Scientific Method." Throughout the lessons, the students created graphs, made predictions, and determined the mean, median and mode of their data. The students also explored the differences between an independent variable, dependent variable, constants and the importance of having a control.

Last week we began our magnificent study of the human body! We will be exploring the skeletal system, muscular system, digestive system, respiratory system, circulatory system and the nervous system up to Christmas break.

The spectacular skeletal system is our first unit of study. The students spent most of the week labeling and constructing a paper model of the human skeleton. Throughout our study of the skeletal system, we

will discuss the function of each part of the skeletal system, describe the characteristics and structure of bone, and study the body's three main types of moveable joints (ball-and-socket, hinge and pivot joint).

We are also going to have an exciting opportunity to have a guest speaker visit our science class. On Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Bakker an orthopedic surgeon, will visit the Intermediate School to share and discuss his field of study.

