



# News from the Nest

## Of Room 31

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**Language Arts:** Please have students bring their novels to school every day. Our current read-a-loud is: Wonder by R. J. Palacio. We are working on Week 2 of Daily Dazzle and lesson 12 of Wordly Wise. I encourage students to work on these a bit every day so that they will be finished by Friday. Students will need to be ready for a Wordly Wise quiz on Friday which will cover meanings and parts of speech. We will pick our books for book clubs tomorrow as well. Lastly, I will begin assessing each student individually to find their reading level using Fountas and Pinnell.

**Math:** We have been working on graphing using our Mentoring Mathematical Minds unit. We have learned about bar graphs, circle graphs (pie graphs) and have even created a quadruple line graph! We will review tomorrow and have a **graphing test on Wednesday**.

**Science:** We are continuing our unit on the Scientific Method. We had a cool experiment using Coke and Diet Coke. Be sure to ask your child what happened and why! This week we will be talking about variables and data types.

**Virginia Studies:** This week, we are learning about Virginia's 5 Regions. We have added some pages to our ISN. Students should bring them home each evening to 'review' what we covered in class. On Friday, I introduced one of our first class projects: VA's 5 Regions R.A.F.T.s. A R.A.F.T. is **writing** strategy that helps students understand their roles as **writers**, the audience they will address, the varied formats for **writing**, and the topic they'll be **writing** about. We will talk more about that tomorrow in class and begin working it.

We will have our VS2abc test on Friday. Please see your child's Va. Studies ISN for all notes.

### IMPORTANT INFO

**September 20** – Graphing Test

**September 21** – Half day for students  
Dismissal will be at 11:10am – Please return any ½ day lunch forms tomorrow if your child is buying lunch.

**September 22** – Math MAPS test – We want a true baseline for every student, please no studying required.

**September 22** – Va. Studies VS2abc test

### Did You Know?

- PTA is selling yearbooks and spirit wear right now! See [sgespta.org](http://sgespta.org) for more details.
- Families with fourth graders are entitled to [free admission](#) to America's National Parks and historical sites!
- Are you seeing a  $\sqrt{\quad}$  on papers? A check  $\sqrt{+} = 95A$ ,  $\sqrt{-} = 85B$ , and  $\sqrt{\cdot} = 75C$ .

### CLASS WISHES

Do you have any of the following to donate to our class for student use and STEM projects?

- Rolls of Duct Tape – any color
- Heavy Duty Masking Tape- 2 inch
- 10 pieces of white poster board
- Mechanical Pencils
- Any items for the STEM lab

