



The Becker Buzz

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Math Unit 1

We have begun unit 1 of Everyday math. We will be keeping our math message, mental math, and vocabulary in a binder for easy access. If you have a binder at home that you could send in for your student, or to donate for another student, it would be greatly appreciated! In unit one we will explore geometry and learn about different shapes

Social Studies

We have begun social studies this year by participating in a scavenger hunt through our books to see what we will be learning about this year. For the next few weeks we also will start working in chapter one in our Social Studies books. This chapter will focus on Wisconsin Our Home. We will learn about where Wisconsin is in relation to the rest of the world, as well as what was here before us.

We also spent time talking about 9/11 on September 12th and watched a short video. The video is at Nick.com under nick news if you are interested in watching it or sharing it with any other children in your household.

<http://www.nick.com/videos/clip/nick-news-what-happened-the-true-story-of-september-11th-full-episode.html>

MAP Testing

Starts this week

We will have MAP testing this week on Tuesday. Please make sure your child eats breakfast and encourage them to try their best.

Cardinal Time

Cardinal Time started today! Please ask your child what classroom they go to, and what they did.

Daily 4/ Reading We are well on our way!!!

The 4th graders have been doing a wonderful job building stamina (the length of time they can focus on reading) and we are already up to 16 minutes! We have begun to do mini lessons that come before each "round" of individual reading choices. In these mini lessons I am introducing reading strategies that they should be implementing into their reading each day. I will send home parent letters about each comprehension strategy

Writing

We have started off the year working on journaling and writing a paragraph with capital letters, punctuation, and an intro, body and conclusion.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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5	6	7	8	9
12 Day 1	13 Day 2	14 Day 3	15 Day 4	16 Day 5
19 Day 1	20 Half Day	21 Day 2	22 Day 3	23 Day 4
26 Day 5	27 Day 1	28 Day 2	29 Day 3	30 Day 4

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