

ARKANSAS TEAM



Mr. Brandenburg – Social Studies

Economics is a major part of today's society so what better way to start off the school year. Students will be studying about the market economy, traditional economy, and command economies. The students will get a much clearer understanding of what real capitalism really deals with. The factors of production, profit and loss, and opportunity costs will be tools the student can use to get a better understanding of today's economy.

Miss Small – Reading

We will be starting off the year with some basics that will help students in every class they take. We will review text features and how they help us break down and understand difficult informational texts, as well as practicing our summarizing skills, so that we can pick out important points in everything we read. We will also focus on Context Clues, so that we can figure out meanings of difficult words as we read. We will also begin the novel That Was Then, This Is Now to give students a chance to practice their skills and enjoy a timeless story.

Mrs. Johnson – Language Arts

In Language Arts, we will start the year off with a Six Trait Pre-Writing Assessment that includes using each step of the writing process. We will then move into studying the traits of Ideas and Content and Organization.

Ms. Engelking – Science

To start off the 2011-2012 school year, in science, students will be tackling the scientific method. During this unit students are going to be looking at lab safety, the metric system of measurement and the process of conducting a scientific investigation.

Mr. Swanson – Math

In the first couple weeks we will be discussing decimal addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. In addition we will go over prime factorization to discover greatest common factor and least common multiple. Within that period of time students will also be reviewing how to simplify fractions, as well as add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions.

Mrs. VanNahmen – CONNECT

The Arkansas Connect students will be learning about Digital Citizenship and Email during the month of September. Students will have the opportunity to use email both at school and home while learning the benefits and responsibilities of this tool. We will be using the DCMS Technology webpage to find most of our resources. Parents are encouraged to visit our website. www.dcmstechnology.weebly.com I am looking forward to a great year with your students!
