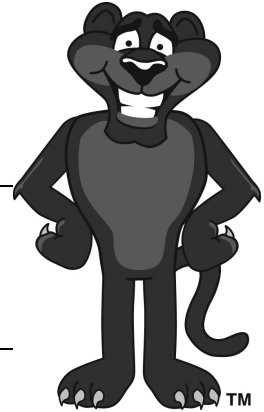


August 16, 2013



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DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 21st- GO TO...**Orange Leaf**...% of sales will go to PRE on this day!
August 28th- Early Release (2:55 dismissal)
September 2nd- Labor Day (NO SCHOOL)

****SPECIAL NOTES:**

FUN RUN PACKETS!

Your child should have brought home a "Fun Run" packet on August 9th. Please think about participating in this fundraiser...it is the **ONLY** fundraiser we will do this school year! The packets are due on **August 23rd**. If you have questions, please let us know!

Thanks,
The 5th Grade Teachers

MATH (This does not apply to FOCUS students):

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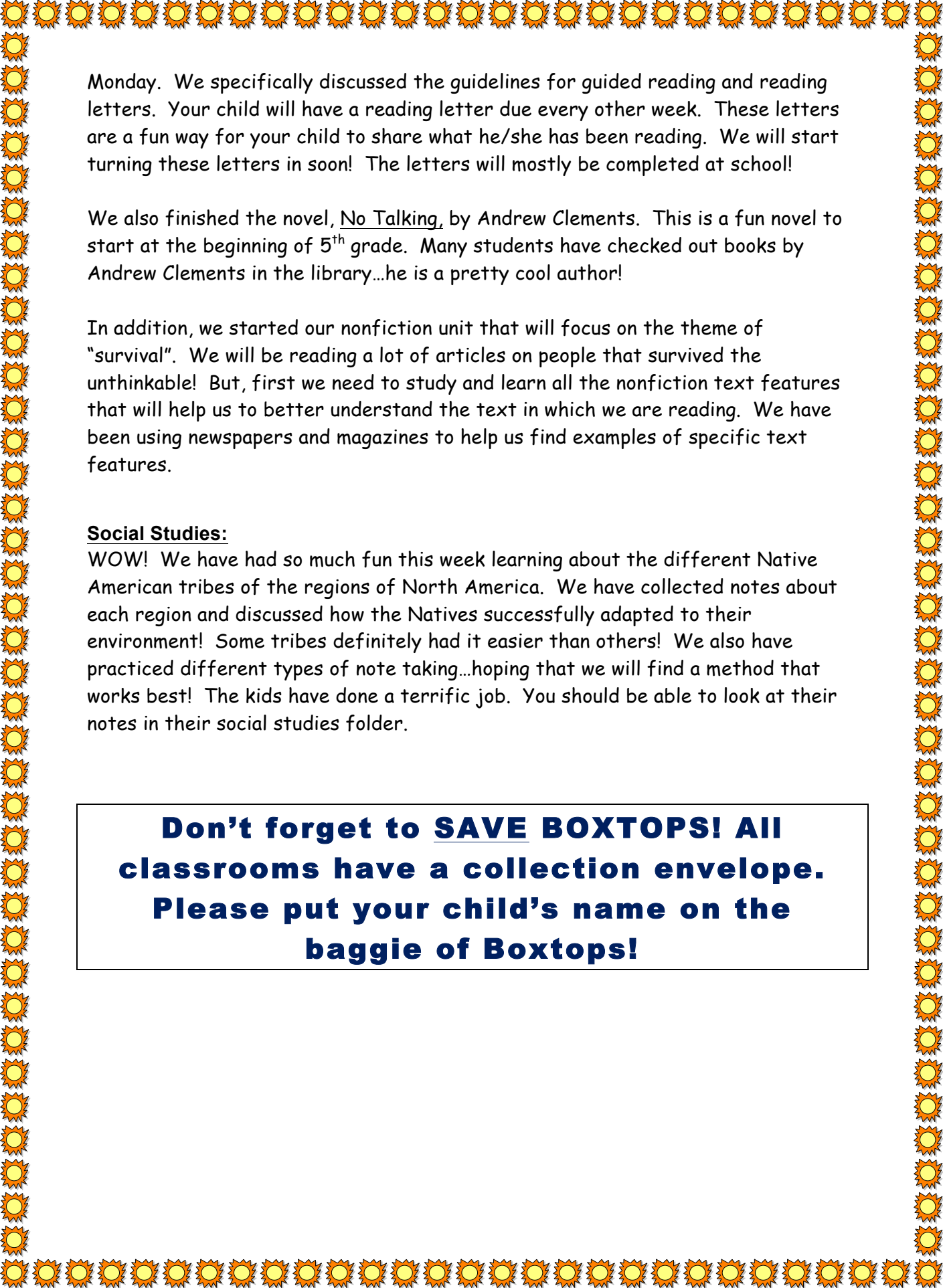
This week in math, we continued practicing creating arrays and also learned about square numbers, prime numbers, and composite numbers. The arrays helped us gather all of our factors so we could decide if a number was prime, composite, or square! You should notice math homework coming home each night...this homework helps to reinforce the skills learned at school. If you have questions over homework, please let your child's teacher know...and don't forget to refer back to the unit letter that your child's teacher sends (it contains all homework answers).

Writing:

We've enjoyed reminiscing all week in writing class as we worked through five strategies to generate personal narrative ideas for our first official writing piece! We also practiced "jumpstart" writing using mentor texts! What a fun week to read, conference and share our memories with our peers! Next week we will begin drafting our first narrative!

Reading:

For guided reading (on level instruction), we have continued discussing procedures and expectations for small group instruction. Students' reading levels will be identified the week of the 19th and guided reading will start the following



Monday. We specifically discussed the guidelines for guided reading and reading letters. Your child will have a reading letter due every other week. These letters are a fun way for your child to share what he/she has been reading. We will start turning these letters in soon! The letters will mostly be completed at school!

We also finished the novel, No Talking, by Andrew Clements. This is a fun novel to start at the beginning of 5th grade. Many students have checked out books by Andrew Clements in the library...he is a pretty cool author!

In addition, we started our nonfiction unit that will focus on the theme of "survival". We will be reading a lot of articles on people that survived the unthinkable! But, first we need to study and learn all the nonfiction text features that will help us to better understand the text in which we are reading. We have been using newspapers and magazines to help us find examples of specific text features.

Social Studies:

WOW! We have had so much fun this week learning about the different Native American tribes of the regions of North America. We have collected notes about each region and discussed how the Natives successfully adapted to their environment! Some tribes definitely had it easier than others! We also have practiced different types of note taking...hoping that we will find a method that works best! The kids have done a terrific job. You should be able to look at their notes in their social studies folder.

Don't forget to SAVE BOXTOPS! All classrooms have a collection envelope. Please put your child's name on the baggie of Boxtops!