

Student Goals

5 min./90% on all math timed tests

850 pages on reading log

Individual A.R. goals set (see conduct sheet)

Sailing into a successful year!



Yates' First Mates Captain's Log

Terrific Test Taking Tips!

Spring is here! Can you believe we've completed 3 full grading periods? This is an extremely important part of the year, both for introducing new material to prepare for 5th grade, but also to review previously introduced concepts. And of course, don't forget, the CRCT is right around the corner!

Dreading it? Please don't—remember, this test is only one measure of how your child does academically. Your child is getting ample exposure to learning concepts in class daily. With practice and a confident attitude, the test can be stress free for all students. As we begin this part of the school year I will be including test taking tips in the weekly newsletter. Your first set of tips apply to reading. Before you tackle any reading materials, try these out:

1. **Encourage purposeful reading.** Always ask why the author wrote the material— **to inform, to persuade, to entertain?**
2. **Cover all kinds of questions.** When you are asking your child questions about text think about these types of questions: **literal** (right there in the text), **think and search** (the answer is in the text but may be in more than one place so students must assemble information), and **inferential questions** (Using background knowledge plus information gained from the text to come up with an answer. These are the toughest because the answer is not specifically found in the material.)
3. **Be a smart reader**— cross out, underline lines, write notes, etc. Do whatever it takes to understand the material quickly and with confidence. Try reading the question first and then skimming the passage for the answer rather than reading it word for word.

Don't forget— Practice, practice, practice! It's your best tip for feeling confi-

Shallowford Falls Elementary

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Reminders

4th Nine weeks Grading Period begins this week.
Let's work hard!

New reading/math logs will be passed out Monday.

CRCT begins Tuesday, April 12th, 2011.

Don't forget to continue working on your online CRCT practice. Turn in your record sheet by March 30th!

Homework

What have we been learning about?

Math

- new math timed test goal of 5 minutes/ 90% in all areas.
- Standard and metric measurement (Chp. 16) of length and weight.
- Mean, median, mode and range.

Language Arts

- **Words Their Way test Monday.**

- Grammar— prepositions, conjunctions and writing titles.
- CRCT review in Lang. Arts
- Animal research articles: Highlight key facts and return to class on Tuesday
- Proverbs, palindromes, reference materials and fact/ opinions.

Social Studies/Science

- **American Revolution (Chp. 7 and 8)**
- Lexington/Concord
- Valley Forge
- Yorktown
- Turning point in the War
- Declaration of Independence

Cobb Youth Museum trip March 30th!

Highlight key facts on your animal internet articles

Mon.

Return conduct sheet
Social Studies hmwk Chp. 7 and 8 test in Social Studies next Wed.

Tues.

Keep working on new reading/math log.
Report cards go out 3/24/11. Please return them with 3 stamps on your envelope.

Wed.

Soc. Studies test next Wed.
Math hmwk

Thurs.