

ELA Weekly Newsletter

Name: _____

Week of September 27, 2022

This Week in Ms. Sotomayor's Class

Review of the following:

Vocabulary: Context Clues, Prefixes mis-, un-

Comprehension: Point of View, literary Elements, Theme, Make and Confirm Predictions

Genre: Realistic Fiction: *Zach Jumps In*, *Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match*

Writing: The Writing Process

Grammar: Simple Sentences

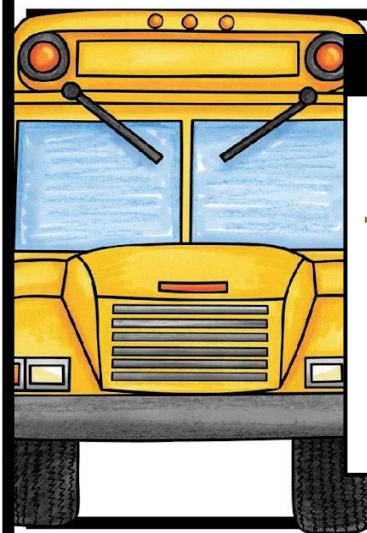
Social Studies: Getting Information

Homework:

All assignments should be printed from Archie at home. Complete and return to school by Friday, 9/30/22 or posted to Archie if completed digitally.

Announcements and Reminders

- Thursday, 9/29/22 Weekly Test of Module 1
 - o How to prepare:
 - ✓ Go to HMH and review anchor charts on reading skills taught.
 - ✓ Read a picture book and practice applying the following skills: major and minor characters, problem and solution, theme, and point of view.
- Friday, 9/30/22 Hispanic Heritage
 - o Come to school dressed in traditional hispanic attire/colors or as a tourist.
- Please bring iPad (fully charged) to school daily.



Monday

Homework:

**No School:
Teacher Work Day**

Tuesday

Homework:

Reading
Review information on theme. Read the passage and answer the questions based on the theme of the text.

Wednesday

Homework:

Reading

Read the passage and answer the questions based on the theme of the text.

**Study for Weekly
Assessment Tomorrow**

Thursday

Homework:

Reading

Read the passage and answer the questions based on the theme of the text.

Friday

Homework:

What is the THEME?

The theme of a story is the underlying message in the story. Many times, people confuse the main idea or the summary of a story with the theme of a story or passage. The main idea is a short summary of the events, while the theme is an inference that relates to the underlying message or lesson in a story. The theme is *not directly stated, but is implied*.

The reader must think about the character's experiences and choices to infer the theme of the story.

When a reader is attempting to infer the theme, it is helpful to ask...

1. What is the BIG idea in this story?
2. What larger message is the author trying to convey?
3. What did the author want the reader to understand?

Tuesday

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Tuesday



THEME PASSAGE #1: Max and Kai Play Ball

Read the following story and answer the questions that follow.

Max and Kai were the best of friends. They spent many hours together after school and on the weekends. One of their favorite activities was to play basketball together. Kai had a perfect hoop outside his house on the driveway, so they spent much of their time shooting hoops at Kai's house.

"Where is the basketball?" Max asked one day when he was over at Kai's house.

"There are two basketballs in the garage, let's go!" replied Kai.

The boys organized a competition. Whoever could make the most baskets out of ten shots won a round. They used paper to keep track of who won each round and decided that the ultimate loser would have to write a love note to Claire, the cutest girl in 5th grade. After they played six rounds and were tied in the competition, Kai's mom called them in for dinner. Frustrated that they couldn't continue playing, Kai hurled the ball down the street. It traveled in the gutter over a block away down his steep hill.

"I'll get it later," shouted Kai, as he threw his arm up in the air.

After dinner, they grabbed the other ball from the garage and continued their competition. They played a few more rounds, knowing that the winner would be determined at the end of their play time. When Max's mom arrived to pick him up, they were still tied and agreed that they would finish later. They waved goodbye and left the ball on the front yard.

Giggling as they gazed at Claire the next day in class, Max and Kai agreed that they would continue their competition to determine a winner.

"I can't wait to see what your love letter says!" Kai taunted Max.

"She's going to fall in love with you after she reads YOUR letter," Max laughed.

When they got to Kai's house and started looking for a ball, they couldn't find one.

"What happened to the balls?" Max inquired.

"We left one on the front lawn, but I don't see it now," replied Kai.

They took a walk down the street to find the ball that had rolled down the street. There was no ball in sight.

"How did we lose two balls?" Kai said, shaking his head.

The boys went inside the house to ask Kai's mom if she could go and buy a new ball for them to use.

"What happened to the balls in the garage?" she asked.

"Well, I think they got lost or stolen or something," Kai mumbled.

"If you had any money, you could buy another basketball," his mom replied, "but I won't be buying a basketball for you."

"How can we make some money?" they asked.

Max and Kai spent the next two hours raking the lawn and pulling weeds. When it was time for Max to leave, they had only earned \$8.00 of the \$24.00 they needed to buy a new basketball. Instead of playing ball for the next week, they worked in the yard and did chores around the house until they earned enough money to purchase a new ball.

Tuesday



Title of Passage: Max and Kai Play Ball

I. Write a brief summary of Max and Kai Play Ball.

2. What is one possible theme (written as a sentence) for this passage?

3. What evidence from Max and Kai Play Ball supports that theme?

4. How can you apply this theme to your own life?

1.

Choose the best theme for this passage.

"I don't want a new baby brother!" whined Kim.

"Honey, you don't have a choice. He will be here next month," mom said rubbing her big belly.

Kim couldn't believe that she would have to be around a loud, slobbery baby. Plus, the thought of sharing anything, especially attention from her mom and dad, with a new baby didn't sound fun at all!

"You will be one of the most important people in his life!" mom exclaimed. "He will need you to look out for him and to teach him new things!"

"Hmm, I guess that's true. I will be showing him a lot of new things. Maybe it won't be all that terrible having a little rugrat running around here," Kim replied with a sigh. "Just don't expect me to change his diapers!"

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Wednesday

Choose the best BIG IDEA THEME:

- a. acceptance
- b. loyalty
- c. compassion
- d. hope

Choose the best THEME Sentence:

- a. Anger can help you take responsibility for your behavior.
- b. New babies are just loud and slobbery.
- c. Feeling important can help people accept change more easily.
- d. Hoping for a future with no siblings is always useless.

4.

Choose the best theme for this passage.

Even though Greg had been looking forward to his best friend's party for over a month, he knew his grandma would really love to see him.

"It's your choice, Greg. Grandma is really sick, but I know you've been very excited about this party," said his mom.

Most of his class was planning on going to the party and he knew it would be so much fun! After some thought, though, Greg knew exactly what he was going to do.

"It's not like this is the last party that I'll ever be invited to and grandma would be so sad if I didn't come," said Greg. "Plus, I always like making her smile."

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Thursday

Choose the best BIG IDEA THEME:

- a. dreams
- b. family
- c. perseverance
- d. trust

Choose the best THEME Sentence:

- a. Dreams come true when you go to parties.
- b. Helping family comes first.
- c. Best friends shouldn't have parties when family is sick.
- d. Trust in your friends and they will help you.