



NORTHSIDE NEWS

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TEACHER TIDBIT

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PARENT POINTERS

Please help your child study the multiplication facts. Knowing the facts will enable your child to be more successful in learning new concepts.

Also, please encourage your child to read a minimum of 20 minutes each night. This will ensure that he/she will meet the Reading Counts half-goal and six weeks goal on time each grading period.

PEARSON LINK to science and math online: www.pearson.com

THINK THROUGH MATH :
www.thinkthroughmath.com

DATES OF INTEREST

FEBRUARY

12— Valentine Parties 2:30

26— Incentive Day

CLASSROOM CONNECTION

READING: Fourth graders will be identifying similarities and differences across genres and reviewing prior skills.

Fifth grade students will be studying author's organization, summarizing nonfiction, and analyzing text structure.

SCIENCE: Fourth graders will be finishing their earth science unit on weathering, erosion, and deposition.

Fifth grade science students will be continuing Earth Science. The students will be learning about earth's resources. They will also be comparing the earth, sun, moon, and physical characteristics of the Earth.

MATH: Fifth grade students will be studying ordered pairs, 2 dimensional shapes, perimeter, area, and volume. They will also be focusing on measurement units and conversions

Fourth graders will be studying equivalent fractions, comparing fractions, adding and subtracting fractions, and mixed and improper fractions. They will also be working on division.

WRITING: Fourth graders will be putting the polishing cloth to their expositives. They are learning smiley face tricks that will ensure that each story has fabulous words, figurative language, showing sentences, and other things to help the compositions stay engaging.

Fifth graders will begin writing expository essays with a focus on using How and Why CAFE splashes, transitions, and active voice in their stories. They will also be adding some color to sentences with descriptive adjectives.

SOCIAL STUDIES: Fourth graders will be studying Texas and the government after annexation. They will be focusing on the impact of the Civil War on Texas. They will also be studying changes in Texas industries, such as oil, railroad, and farming,

Fifth graders will be studying westward expansion and why the pioneers decided to leave their homes for a new life. This unit will include events such as the Louisiana Purchase, the Lewis and Clark expedition, and the Gold Rush.

REMINDERS

Tuesday folders need to be signed and returned.

When dropping children off in the morning, form just one line and do not go around the car in front of you. We want our students to be safe!

LOVE IS...SCHOOL!



NURSE NOTES

Please do not send your child to school with a fever and make sure that he/she is diligent about washing his/her hands! Viruses and colds are easily spread to others and we want our students to stay healthy!