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February 12th, 2009

Dear Parents and Students,

The school year marches on. Here we are at Valentine's Day with the 3rd quarter in full swing and a 3 day weekend upon us. Just around the corner we have the annual ISAT testing coming up (3/1 to 3/10) and then shortly after that Spring Break (3/27-4/4) will be here before you know it!



Where have we been?

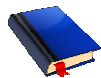
Since winter break, in **math** we have studied fractions and decimals and are in the middle of studying measurement. We also completed the winter local assessments. **Reading** has included continued work on basic reading strategies via stories from our basal reader and a reading project tied in with the West U.S. Region Social Studies unit where the 4C readers made timelines on 3D surf boards or gold nuggets as they learned about the topics of surfing and the Great Gold Rush. We also just completed book reports on mystery novels. In **writing** we have moved into expository writing and all the kids have written 4 paragraph essays on what Mr. C. does well and what he could do better. (**Let me tell you- now there's some interesting reading!**). **Science** has begun again as we are starting a unit on plants.



Here's where we are going!



In Reading




We will be doing a lot of work in the areas of reading response and comprehension over the next few weeks. ISATS will be here before you know it (March 1st-10th).



In Math

We are in the process of finishing some work on measurement. After that we will be beginning to study some geometry including angles and topics like perimeter and area. **OF COURSE WE SHOULD ALWAYS BE WORKING AT HOME ON OUR MULTIPLICATION AND**

DIVISION MATH FACTS. 6 X 8 = 48 – I am still begging  **you – please study those math facts / flash cards – 10-15 minutes per day!**



In Writing



In writing we will continue working in the expository (that means writing to inform- just thought I would inform you of that) style and be studying writing devices like idioms.



In Social Studies



We will be taking a break from Social Studies for the next month or so as we get back in to Science.



In Science



In science, we are just beginning to study all about plants and things like photosynthesis and chlorophyll. We will also be learning about various human body systems like the cardiovascular, respiratory and nervous systems.)



OTHER COOL STUFF

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ISAT testing is currently scheduled for Monday, March 1st through Wednesday, March 10th. We will be working hard to be ready for ISATS so we can do our best.

We have planned the 4th grade field trip to the Lincoln Marsh to study ecosystems for Wednesday, May 5th.

BASEBALL IS ALMOST BACK – YES!!!!!!!
Here come the hawks the mighty BLACKHAWKS!

