

March 5, 2010



CLASSROOM NEWS!

We completed one week of I.S.A.T. testing. We only have one more math test (on Monday) and two Science ISATs to go next week! To reward our fourth graders for their hard work and efforts, we are planning an I.S.A.T. party next Friday afternoon. Located in your child's Friday folder is a pink form regarding bringing in treats. If you are interested in donating to the party, please fill out the bottom portion of the form and return it to school. THANK YOU for your continued support!



A **BIG THANK YOU** to the parents who made our Valentine's Day party a success! We had so much fun with the "snow ball" fight in the multi-purpose room and all the yummy treats! We really value our parental support.....it truly makes all the difference.....



"He's Teasing Me!"

On Tuesday, March 9th Katie Retzner, our school's Social Worker is offering a lunchtime seminar where she will cover ten basic tools kids need to know for handling teasing and bullying situations. It is a free seminar and will be held in the LLC from 12:00 - 1:00. It is a worthwhile seminar to help you equip your child for these possible situations. Our class completed a unit in the beginning of the year regarding bullying and Mrs. Retzner partnered with me during that unit. It was time well spent!

The Thing About Georgie!

Our first family reading book, *The Thing About Georgie*, has been a huge success! Mark your calendars for March 19th! To close out this awesome experience, The Georgie Committee has planned an exciting day of activities and the Lisa Graff, author is coming as well! We are so lucky, and so excited! And YOU are invited! There is an invitation in your child's Friday Folder in which you will need to R.S.V.P., please fill it out and return it if you plan to attend.

READING/WRITING

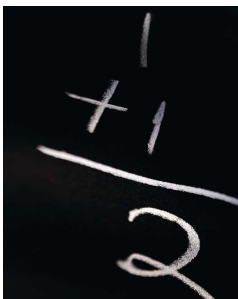
After I.S.A.T.s next week, to help kick-off Spring training for baseball season, we will be reading the district-approved novel, Honus & Me by Dan Gutman. We will read this book in Literature Circles! This will be something new and different for the class. We will be reading this novel for the next two weeks and complete it before we go on Spring Break.



In Writing, we are doing well with our Paragraph of the Weeks (POWs)! We will begin persuasive writing next week. The final draft will be a five paragraph paper and I will model each step as we go along.

Book reports: WOW! What a great job the class is doing with their book reports, thank you for your support at home. There will be another book report assigned prior to Spring Break so that your child can read his/her book during that time.

MATH



FASTT Math is here at Pleasant Hill! We now have a school-wide computer program that helps students learn their math facts. We are really excited to have this program. I have put a letter in your child's Friday Folder regarding this program.

In math, we are continuing with the *Geometry* unit. We will continue this unit through next week and have a test the following week. Prior to Spring Break, we will revisit some math topics such as metric

measurement, problem solving and algebraic equations. We will also pretest for long multiplication and division. The math groupings will begin after we return from Spring Break.

SOCIAL STUDIES/SCIENCE

We are well into the study of the Plant Kingdom. The class was provided with a study guide and we are currently on Lesson Four of five lessons. We will have a Science test in a week or so. We also have a fun plant activity/experiment going on in our classroom - but it is a surprise - stay tuned!! After the class completes the plant unit, we will begin our study of Body Systems. The three systems we will cover are the Respiratory System, the Circulatory System and the Nervous System.



REMINDERS

- Monday and Tuesday, March 8th and 9th - I.S.A.T. testing
- Friday, March 12th - I.S.A.T. Party in the afternoon! Please send in donations if you can.
- Friday, March 19th - The Thing About Georgie - author visit
- Friday, March 26th - Third Quarter ends
- March 27th - April 4th: Spring Break!

Have a super weekend!

