



Third Grade News



February 2010

Dear Parents,

Wow! I can't believe how fast the year is moving along. Our biggest fund raiser is quickly approaching. The auction which takes place in March needs your support. In addition to donating to our class item, the school needs people to help set up, stuff envelopes, clean up, etc. If you are able to give extra time, please contact Mrs. Roth in the development office.

Reading:

We finished our first reading series and will have the last test on February 9. Your child should bring home their reading folder and reading workbook to review key concepts. The reading workbook does not need to be returned. With our upcoming fieldtrip quickly approaching, we will begin reading, *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*, by Judy Blume. If you have the book it would be great to send it to school.

Please encourage reading on a daily basis!

Math:

Our multiplication facts are going great. We have mastered 0, 1, 2, 5, 10's at this point. Next will be 4's and after the break, we will work on 8's. Please use the math books at home for extra practice (chapters 1-9). A great site for extra practice is www.funbrain.com.

Religion:

Ask your child if he/she knows what the word compassion means? We have spent a lot of time with that word; what it means, and how to show it. I certainly hope they are showing compassion to others while out of school also. In our

effort to help the people of Haiti, our floor has raised over \$75.00 (nickels and dimes!) They should be very proud. Our latest chapel readers were: Madeline Kowalski, Morgan Rippe, Nicholas Kovach and Hannah Baker. Thank you and I am always looking for others.

Language Arts:

We are beginning unit 4, practicing verbs, helping verbs, linking verbs, commas in a series and contractions. We will be using both the book and a practice packet.

Social Studies:

In Social Studies we studying chapter 8, government. We are also spending time learning about famous African Americans during this month. I am reading, *Walking for Freedom, The Montgomery Bus Boycott*, by Richard Kelso to the children. Please encourage your child to read their chosen book report book and follow the book report guidelines. They may complete a sloppy copy, at home, and the final copy in school after vacation.

Upcoming Events:

- ✚ "Annie" this weekend!
- ✚ Report cards go home 2/5
- ✚ Valentine's Party 2/12
- ✚ No School 2/15-2/19- Mid Winter Break
- ✚ Generation celebration- 2/24 at 9:40.

Mrs. Gilbert