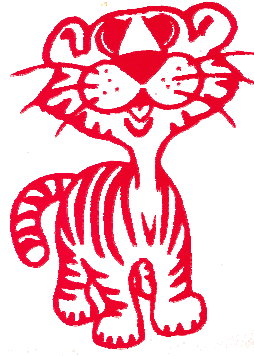


March 7, 2011

The NEWS From MS. White's 3rd Grade



ISAT Schedule

Monday, March 7th

9:10—10:30 Reading Session 1

Tuesday, March 8th

9:10—10:30 Reading Session 2

Wednesday, March 9th

9:10—10:30 Reading Session 3

Thursday, March 10th

9:10—10:30 Math Session 1

Friday, March 11th

9:10—10:30 Math Session 2

1:20—2:20 Math Session 3

Out

The rest of schedule, Monday-Thursday, will remain the same. Social Studies, Science and Writing times will happen from 10:45-11:15. Our language arts support time will be from 11:15-11:25. Since this is much shorter than during a regular week, we will not do spelling and reading at this time. We will be doing Flying Horse, math review and read aloud during this time this week. Our afternoon schedule, Monday-Thursday, will be the same. On Friday, there will be no switches for S.S., Science and Writing due to testing in the afternoon.

This week's Homework & Announcements

Every night: Read at least 30 minutes with your child. BOOK-IT : Due on April 1st!

MATH: Keep working on 0's, 1's, 2's, 5's and 9's basic facts for multiplication and division. Quiz your child often!

Spelling: NO Spelling this week because of ISAT testing.

This is our ISAT testing week. Please help your child arrive at school on time. Make sure to get plenty of exercise and activity each night and get a good night's rest every day!

ISAT Information for Parents/Guardians

The dates for the ISAT testing have been changed. We will take the test the weeks of March 7th-March 11th. If you have scheduled appointments or other events that will cause your child to be out of school, please let me know as soon as possible. Every student at Stevenson Elementary is REQUIRED to take all parts of the test. We will have to make plans for getting all test completely finished. Thank you for your help and understanding on this matter.

Please make sure to get enough sleep this week. The kids have worked hard all year and I know they are ready to do their best reading next week. I look forward to watching them excel on the reading passages and extended response for reading. They will read a variety of passages and answered questions similar to those they will see on the test this week. They have worked so hard on math concepts all year and have mastered the art of writing extended response for math. Remind your child to do the best they can and help give them confidence that they will do wonderfully if they apply themselves with 100%.

Science

Mrs. Dawson

Last week we learned about the inner planets which are Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars. As we read information we wrote details about each planet on our Planet Chart. This week we are going to focus on the outer planets which are Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Mars. We will read information about each planet and then write the most important details on the Planet Chart. We highlight one or two characteristics that are unique or special about each planet.

An activity we will do after the Planet Chart is all filled out is to write three questions about the planets. Then the children will have a "Question Session" where they sit with a partner and ask each other the questions. You get one point for each correct answer. We will switch partners. Whoever has the most points wins a prize. Studying about space is so fun!

Social Studies

Mrs. Cottrell

Last week's episode of Jeff's Journey was titled, "Just Like Them." In this episode Jeff is at Jermaine's house playing video games when Jermaine says, "Tell me you're not like them!" This made Jeff feel guilty about having bullied kids at his old school and he runs home finally realizing he is a bully. In this week's episode, Jermaine talks to his parents about Jeff being bullied by Kevin, Devin, and Evan. Meanwhile, Jeff is confronted by his dad who has been called into Principal Sherman's office to discuss Jeff's bullying at the new school and the lies he has been telling at the new school. Please be sure to discuss these two episodes with your child at home.

Writer's Workshop

Ms. White

During Writer's Workshop on Monday we will practice extended response writing for a reading passage. The students are so ready to show their skills on the ISAT test with these writings!

The rest of the week we will be working on entries for the 2011 Annual Young Writers of America Illinois State Poetry Contest. Students will write a poem on one of the following topics: The world as I see it OR What my family means to me. The students will make two copies of the poems- one to submit and one to hang at Stevenson. You'll be able to see their poems during the Spotlight on Students night in April. The third graders have worked on poetry throughout this school year and they have done very well with this type of writing. I can't wait to see their creativity shine through!