

Mrs. Farnsworth's 4th grade class

March Newsletter

February 26, 2010



Dear Parents,

Following is subject-by-subject information that you will find important for the month of March.

The Jog-a-thon will be held on March 10th. Please make sure you have filled out your child's permission slip and returned the donation envelope. We do need volunteers to mark laps. Please let me know if you are interested.

Report cards go home March 18th. Please note that conference week is March 15th—March 19th. Conference requests will be sent home Thursday, March 4th. If you do not receive a request to conference, a conference is not necessary at this time; although you may still request one. Please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Thank you,

Mrs. Farnsworth

Math

The students will be tested on Unit D Wednesday, March 10th. We will begin Unit 5: Fractions the following week, but we will not finish the unit before the break. Therefore, students will be tested after the break.

Social Studies

We will begin our exciting gold rush simulation the week of March 1st. This will cover the material in Chapter 6: Statehood for California next week. The test for Chapter 6 will be on Thursday, March 25th.

The county report has been introduced. The report is a 8 week long project with assignments due each week. The first assignments are due Friday, March 12th. However, please remember that this is a report that should be completed by your child alone!

Science

We continue Chapter 5: Fast changes on Earth. The test for Chapter 5 will take place on Friday, March 19th. We will begin the first lesson of Chapter 6 before the break and continue upon our return.

Writing

Two types of writing have now been learned and practiced: Response to Literature and Summary. The District Writing Assessment for the Response to Literature is scheduled to take place on Monday, March 8th, and will focus on the Response to Literature. Please make sure your child gets good nights' sleep leading up to these tests.

Literature

We have been reading By the Great Horn Spoon!, which is a wonderful piece of historical fiction about the gold rush. The students are enjoying the novel immensely and never want to stop reading! They have been writing daily journal entries pretending that they are on the journey as well. Each week the students are quizzed on Friday on the chapters that have been read that week. Quiz 1 and Quiz 2 have already been given.

The students will take a response to literature test on By the Great Horn Spoon! Wednesday, March 17th. The students will receive a prompt the week before the test so that they may prepare accordingly.

Spelling/Vocabulary

Spelling weeks 26 and 28 will be assigned the weeks of March 1st and March 15th, respectively. Wordly Wise: Lessons 9 and 10 will be assigned the weeks of March 8th and 22nd, respectively.

Health

The unit Stay Drug Free! quiz will be taken on Thursday, March 4th.