



Unity West Rocket Report

February 4, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe we've been in school for 100 days! It is really fun to see how much our students have grown – physically, socially, and academically! You may recall that we assess all of our students three times a year to be sure they are making adequate progress. Our kindergarten and first graders are given the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS), which assess a variety of reading (readiness) skills. Second through fifth graders take the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP), which is a computerized test that measures growth in reading, math, and for our fifth graders, also language arts. We were very excited with the gains our students made! I would like to compliment and congratulate our teachers and students for their hard work and our parents for reinforcing academic work with your children at home.

Students + Teachers + Parents = Success in School!

I am sending home a flyer we received from Sullivan-Parkhill in Champaign. They are hosting a Free Child Safety Program this Saturday, in which children's fingerprints and photograph are taken, and parents are given a DNA identification kit. These are all safety precautions to use in the event that your child is missing. The Masonic Lodge conducted this service for Unity West last year. If your child did not participate, and you have some time on Saturday, you might want to take advantage of this service.

Our students are such avid readers, we are still in need of volunteers to help shelve books in library. If you would have time to help, please call our librarian, Julie Knott, at 485-3918, or e-mail her at knottj@unity.k12.il.us – or just stop by whenever you have a few extra minutes. Thanks very much!

Sincerely,

Janet Ellis-Nelson

Important Dates

Tues., Feb. 9	6:30 p.m.	PTO Meeting in the Media Center
Fri., Feb. 12	1:45 p.m.	Valentine Parties
Mon., Feb. 15	No School	Presidents' Day Celebrated
Fri., Feb. 19	2:50 p.m.	Third Quarter Progress Reports Sent Home

For additional information, see: www.unitywestelementaryschool.com.