

Collins and Shotton Newsletter

March 5th, 2010



March Updates: ISAT IS OVER!

The ISAT tests on March 2nd through the 5th went very well. Our students worked hard and we feel that each child's scores will reflect the effort put into the test. We are very proud of our students' patience and perseverance throughout the test week.

Be sure to take a close look at your child's ISAT scores next year and share them with your child so they know where they can improve, and it will help them to know what they accomplished during our week of tests!

We want to thank all of the parents who donated the wonderful snacks to our classrooms. The students really enjoyed having something to eat after working their brains so hard. We really appreciate the time and effort that was put into the brain food. Also, we want to thank the PTO for providing water bottles and peppermint gum for the students to have during the test as well. It was a great help.

We hope that the students enjoyed ISAT week despite the tests. They were able to do some fun projects such as tessellations, drawing their face with symmetry, pretending they were a leprechaun, and watching a movie!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ 3/18 early dismissal and PT conferences 'til 9:30 p.m.
- ◆ 3/19 no school
- ◆ 4/1-4/5 Spring Break

What's Happening...

Reading – We will begin a poetry unit from our text book where the students will read and write poetry.

English- We will begin Unit 6 on pronouns.

Math- We are finishing up some multiplication, and then on to division!

SCIENCE- CHAPTER 9 "Matter" Also some Fridays will be experiment/demo. Days.

Social Studies- We will finish our unit on the North East. Be sure to study the states and capitals with your child. Then we will begin a unit on the Mid-West!

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences will be on the evening of March 18th from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm. If you would like to meet with Mrs. Shotton, Mrs. Collins, or both, please call the school office and the secretaries can set up a meeting time. Conferences are 15 minutes long so be sure to think about any concerns or questions you have beforehand in order to make these meetings as productive as possible. We will be handing out the student MAP test results, so if you are not able to make it to conferences, please look for that information the following week as we will send it home with your child. We look forward to see you on the 18th!

U of I in the Classroom

Once again U of I science students are going to come into our classrooms. They will be teaching special lessons to the students that are hands on and interactive. This is a great opportunity for science enrichment for our students, as well as a great opportunity for us to help soon-to-be teachers get some practice in a real classroom. We can't wait for them to visit! Be sure to ask your student what they did in science on March 9th!

Spring is in the Air

With the warm up in the temperatures, we have noticed a lot of kids have started to shed coats far too early. With the unpredictability of the weather in the Spring, please make sure your child has appropriate jackets.

Also, with Spring comes the Book Fair. **Mark your calendars**
 March 17: 8am-9pm
 March 18: 8am-9pm
 March 20: 8am-Noon
 March 4-16: **Loose Change Contest**- winner gets money for class libraries

