

January 30 – Feb.3, 2012



UNIT SEVEN SCHOOLS

Classroom Times

Mrs. Dixon-Hunt's 3rd Grade Newsletter

Math

We will be working more on extended response problems in math. These are the problems that children seem to have the most trouble with. They are asked to not only find the answer, but EXPLAIN (that dreaded word) how they got the answer. I tell them to just write down all the steps they did to get the answer, to act like they are talking to someone. Any help in this area is greatly appreciated. We also continue to review all areas of math covered on the ISAT's. We also will start the second week of Multiplication. Most seem to think it is pretty easy so far. Please be sure to have them do the "Homer" sheets that come home each night. This method really does not work unless they repeat the rhymes, and keep them fresh in their minds.

Reading

We will begin a Genre study of Biographies this week, and we will finish the novel *Stone Fox*.

Science 3D

Our third and final lesson in this chapter is *Weathering and Erosion*.

100th Day of School Celebration

We had a fantastic day on our 100th day. I always hear "This is the best day ever!" It is a day filled with counting, grouping, graphing, puzzles, probability, estimation and strategy games, and they don't even think of it as learning! Thanks for sending in the 100 treats to graph.

Six Minute Solution

We are in need of a volunteer to work with the class on Monday's during full weeks. This involves listening to the children read a passage for 1 minute and recording how many words they read. It takes about 30- 45 minutes. Please let me know if you can help.

ISAT Meeting for Parents

We will hold 2 meetings, Feb.21st and Feb. 23rd. At 6:30 PM, to explain all aspects of this testing week. Please plan to attend one of these. Mrs. D and I will host Feb. 23rd.

Dates to Remember

Vocabulary Words

erosion gravity soil
glacier roots weathering
wind

Feb. 8- Chapter 5 Science test

Feb.10- 3rd Qtr. progress reports

Feb. 14th- Valentine party 1:45

Feb. 21- Parent ISAT meeting in Library
6:30 PM (Mrs. Collins/Mrs.
Kocher)

Feb. 23- Parent ISAT meeting in Library
6:30 PM (Mrs. Davenport/ Mrs.
Dixon-Hunt)

Inside This Week

Cool Tool : Understanding Conflict	
Spelling- # 25	
Science- Weathering Erosion	
Math- multiplication & extended ans.	

- Friday bring Library books
- GO UNITY ROCKETS
- GO ILLINI !!!!!!!!!