

Mrs. Mennucci's Classroom News

Friday, March
11th
For the week of
3/14-3/18

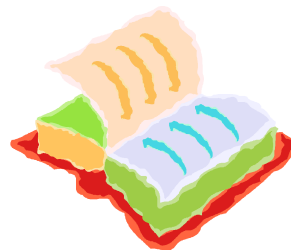
News you can use:

- Band practice is on Tuesday and Thursday next week. PE is on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
- Parent conference confirmation slips are in the Friday folder.
- Looking Ahead: No school on Monday, 3/21 for a Superintendent's Conference Day.
- Grade level pictures will be taken on Wed., 3/16. Information can be found in the Friday folder. Students should wear their fourth grade shirts if possible.
- We need 11 shoeboxes for our next science unit. If you have one you could send in, we would appreciate it!
- Please initial/sign your child's planner EVERY night to indicate that he/she completed the reading and homework. Please write the number of minutes your child read next to your initials.

Math

We started Unit 8, Perimeter and Area, this week. We used the kitchen layouts the students worked on last week to work on perimeter and we made scale drawings of our classroom. We finished the week by beginning our exploration of area. This included finding the area of our skin!

We will continue to work on this unit next week, but it is very short. We should finish this unit next Friday. We will review on Tuesday, 3/22 and test on Wed., 3/23. The study guide will be in next week's Friday folder.



Language Arts

We finished up the reading in our Discovery Teams unit this week. Students read The Desert Beneath the Sea and worked on summarizing. They worked on a writing assignment that allowed them to practice summarizing and be creative at the same time! This writing assignment was considerably less guided than others and will be shared at conferences. We also worked on our Women's History Month project in the computer lab this week. Thanks for helping the students get some of the background they needed.

Science/SS

Students stayed with me for the week and worked on SS only. We began talking about the colony of New Netherland and about the Dutch influence on the area. Students learned about the Patroon System for encouraging settlement of the colony. We will be testing on this short unit on

Wed., 3/16. A study guide will come home next week. Beginning on 3/17, we will be back to our normal schedule. Students will be with me every other day for Electrical Circuits and with Mrs. Veldhuizen on the opposite days for The American Revolution and the New Nation.

